ARNOLD LIGHWEIGHT MIRROR MODELER

VERSION 2.0

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HERITAGE

- SECOND GENERATION OF EGGCRATE MODELER DEVELOPED AT L3-COMM BRASHEAR, PITTSBURGH, PA. USED TO DESIGN PRIMARY MIRROR, SUPPORT SYSTEM AND MIRROR HANDLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE KEPLER PLANET FINDER.
- COMPLETE REWRITE FOR USE ON WINDOWS 7 AND ABOVE OPERATING SYSTEMS.
- EXPANDED TO MULTI-SEGMENT MIRROR AS WELL AS SINGLE MIRROR SYSTEMS.

INTEGRATED PRODUCT DESIGN

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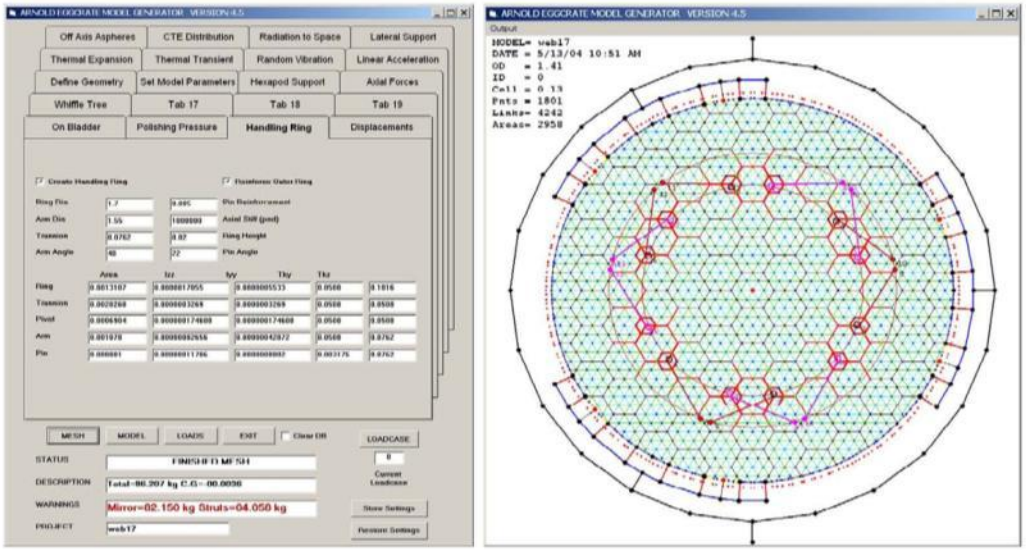
Integrated Design of Handling Equipment



Design tool allows evaluation and design of handling fixtures during the preliminary design of the mirror blank. As mirrors become lighter, the difficulties of handling the glass during manufacturing requires careful attention to these operations. Special reinforced features were added to the blank specifically to aid the manufacturing process and reduce risk.

CONVERT ANALYSIS TO DESIGN

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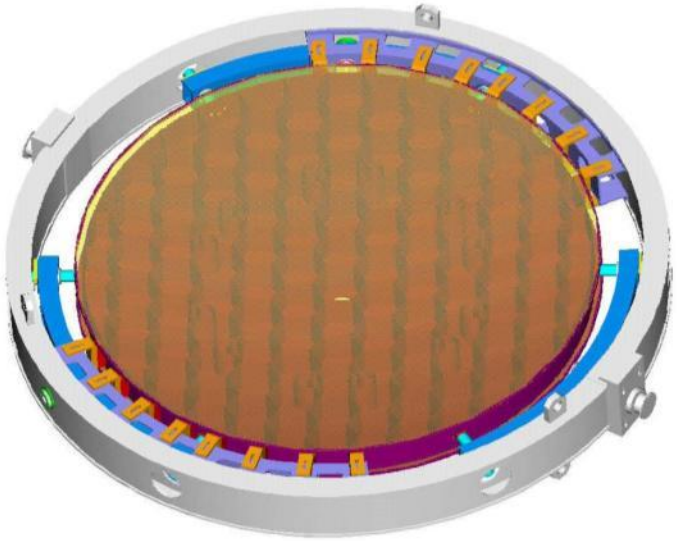
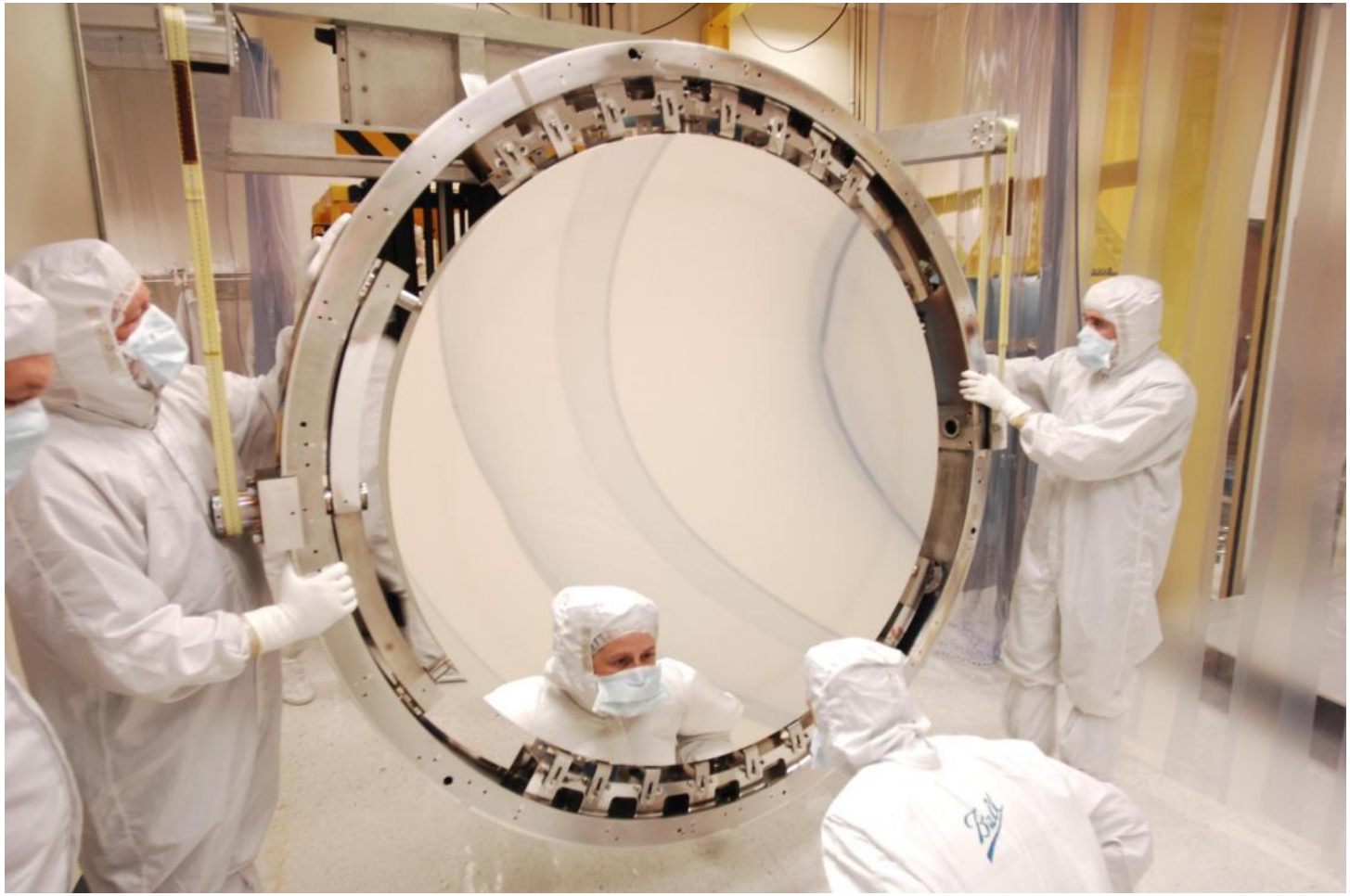
Primary Mirror in Flipping Ring

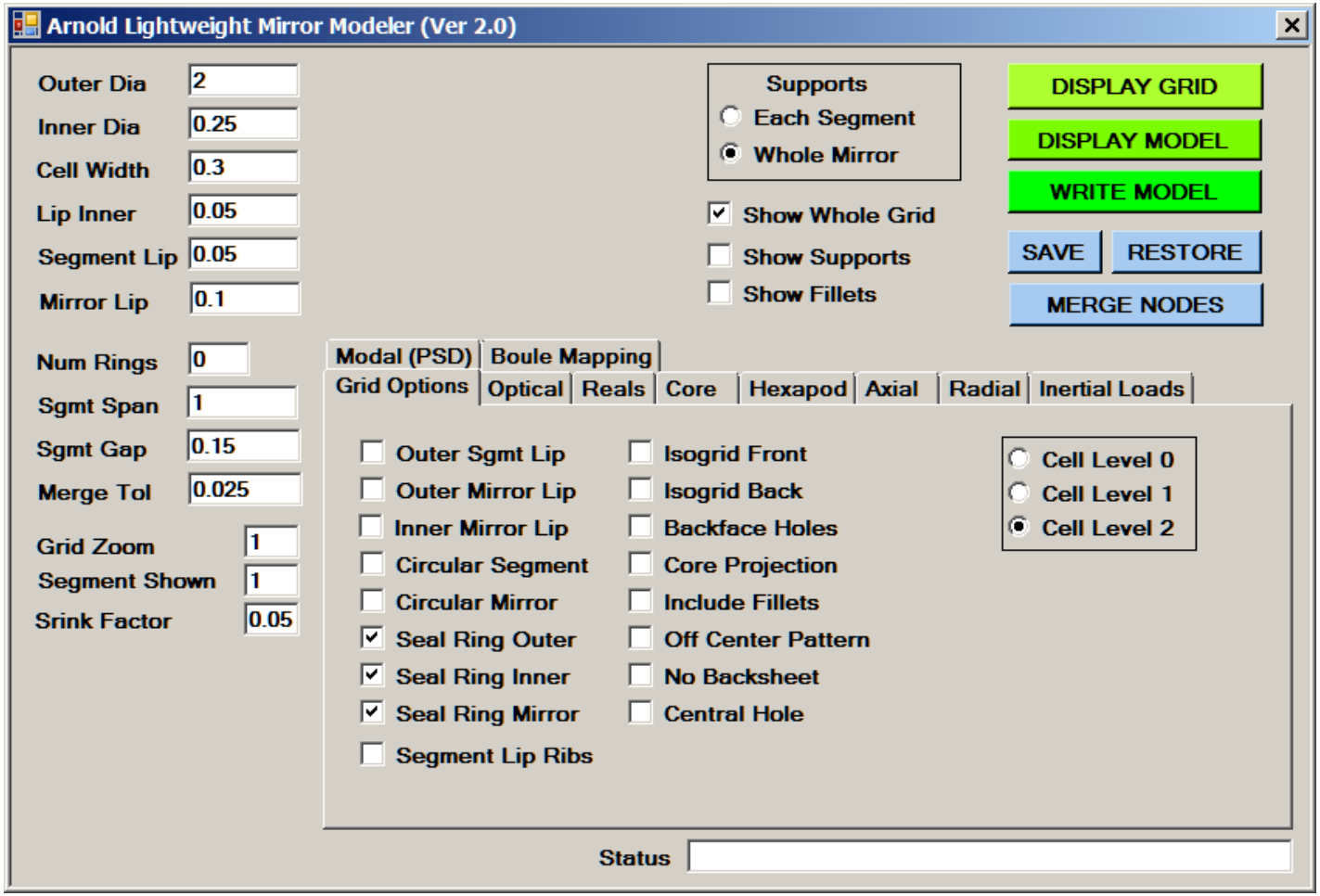


The handling ring interfaces with special reinforced slots in the mirror core. With the addition of storage shields, the unit can act as a temporary container. Does not touch optical surfaces or fragile edges.

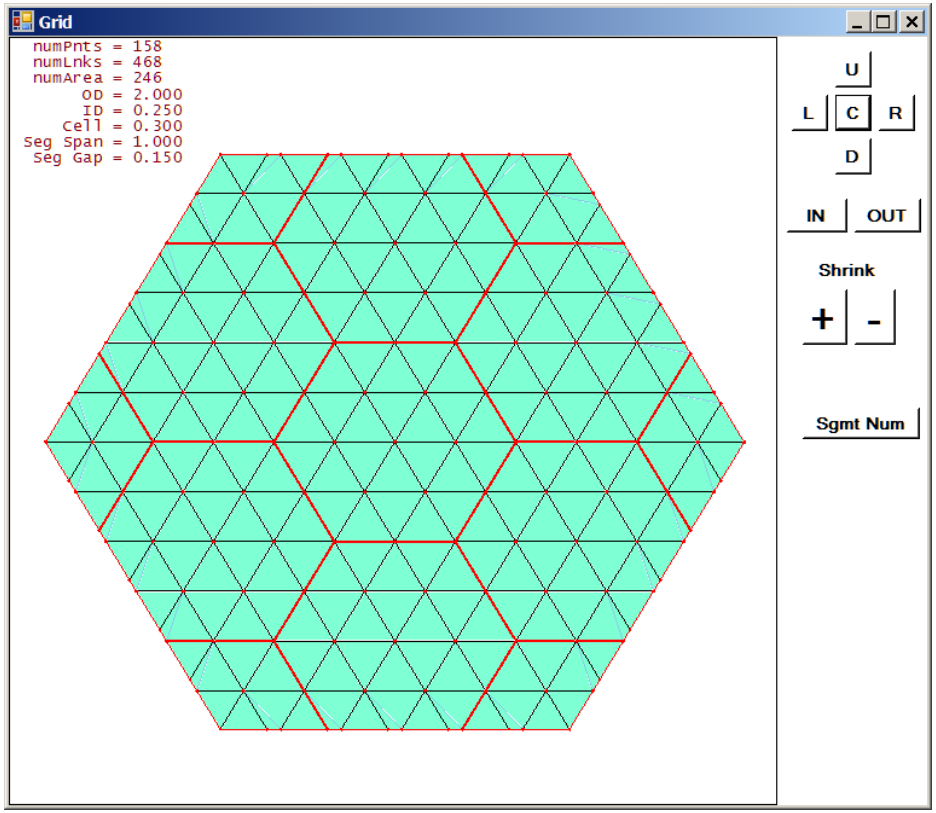
THE FINAL PRODUCT

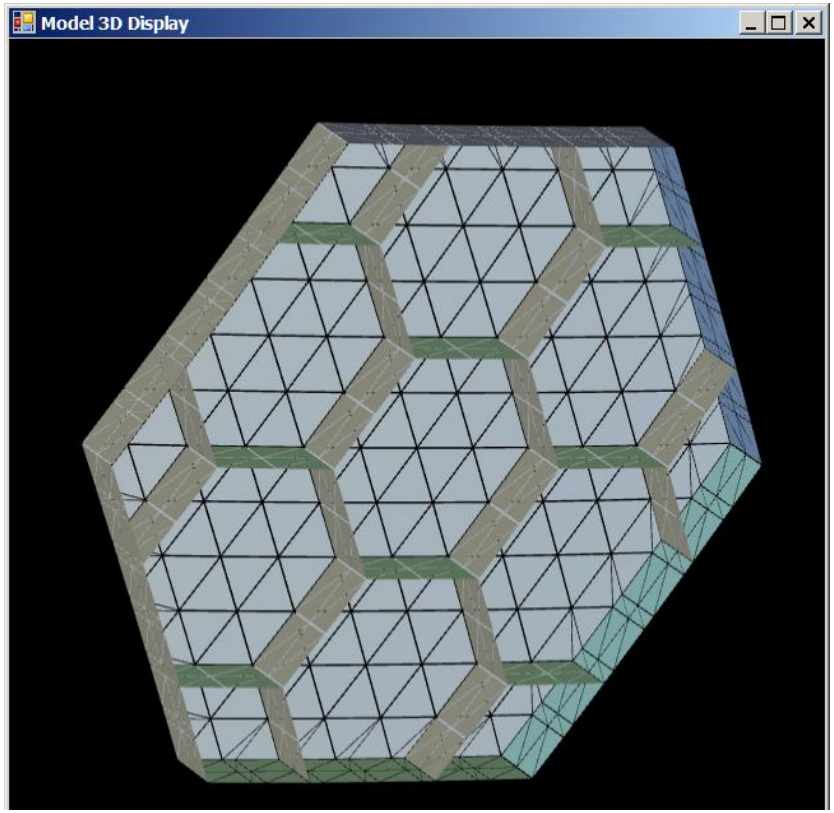


PROGRAM CONTROL WINDOW

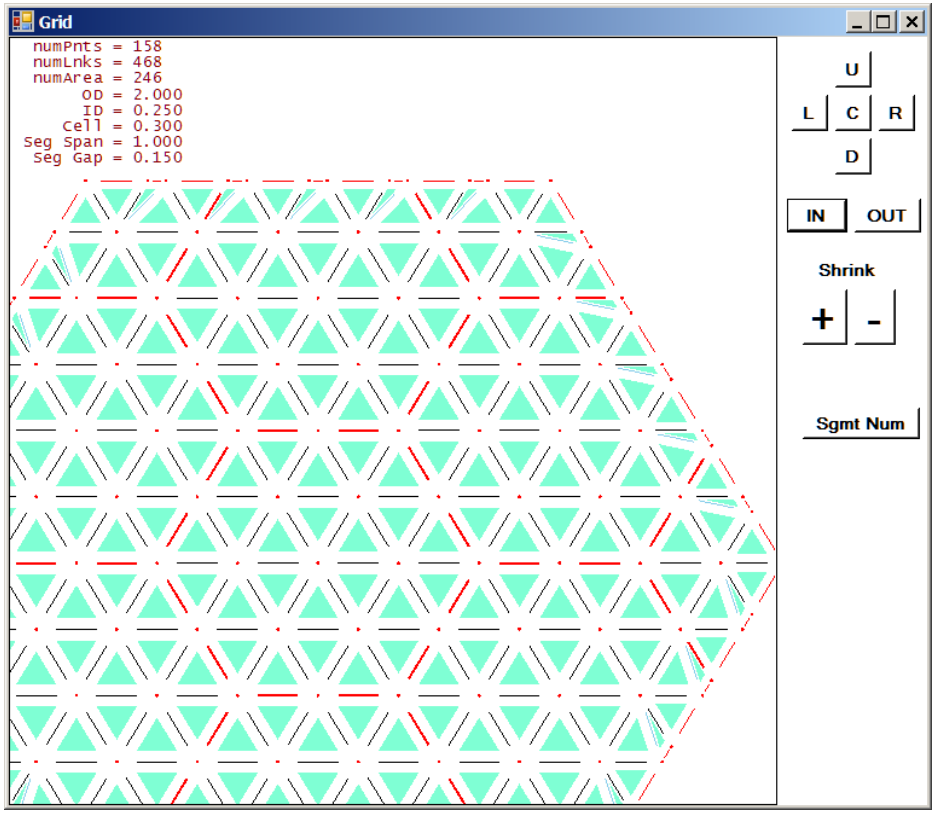


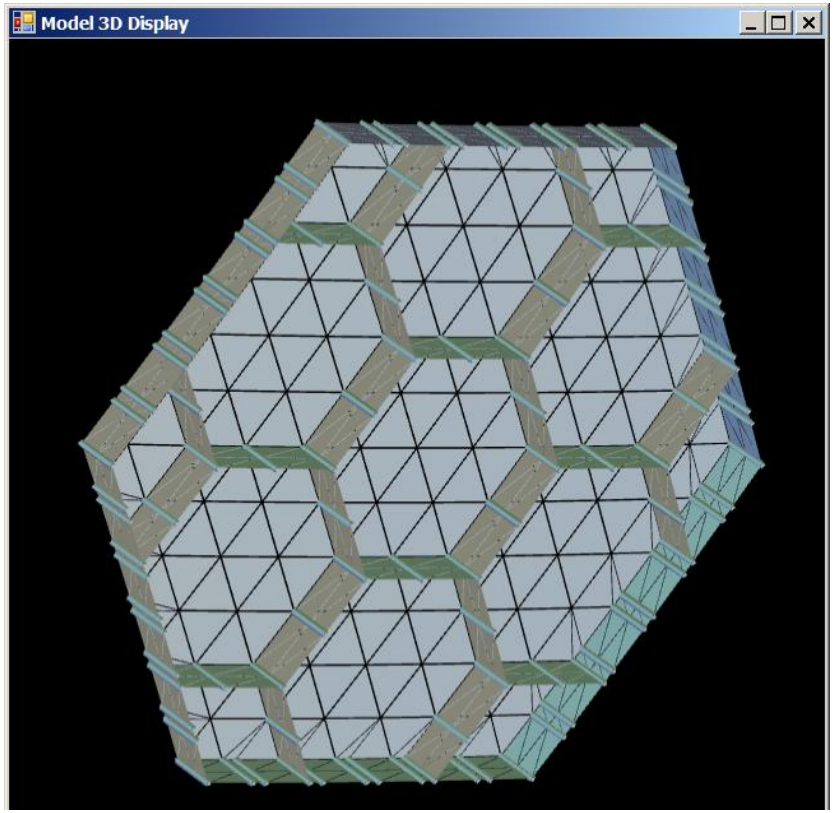
BOTH 2D AND 3D DISPLAYS



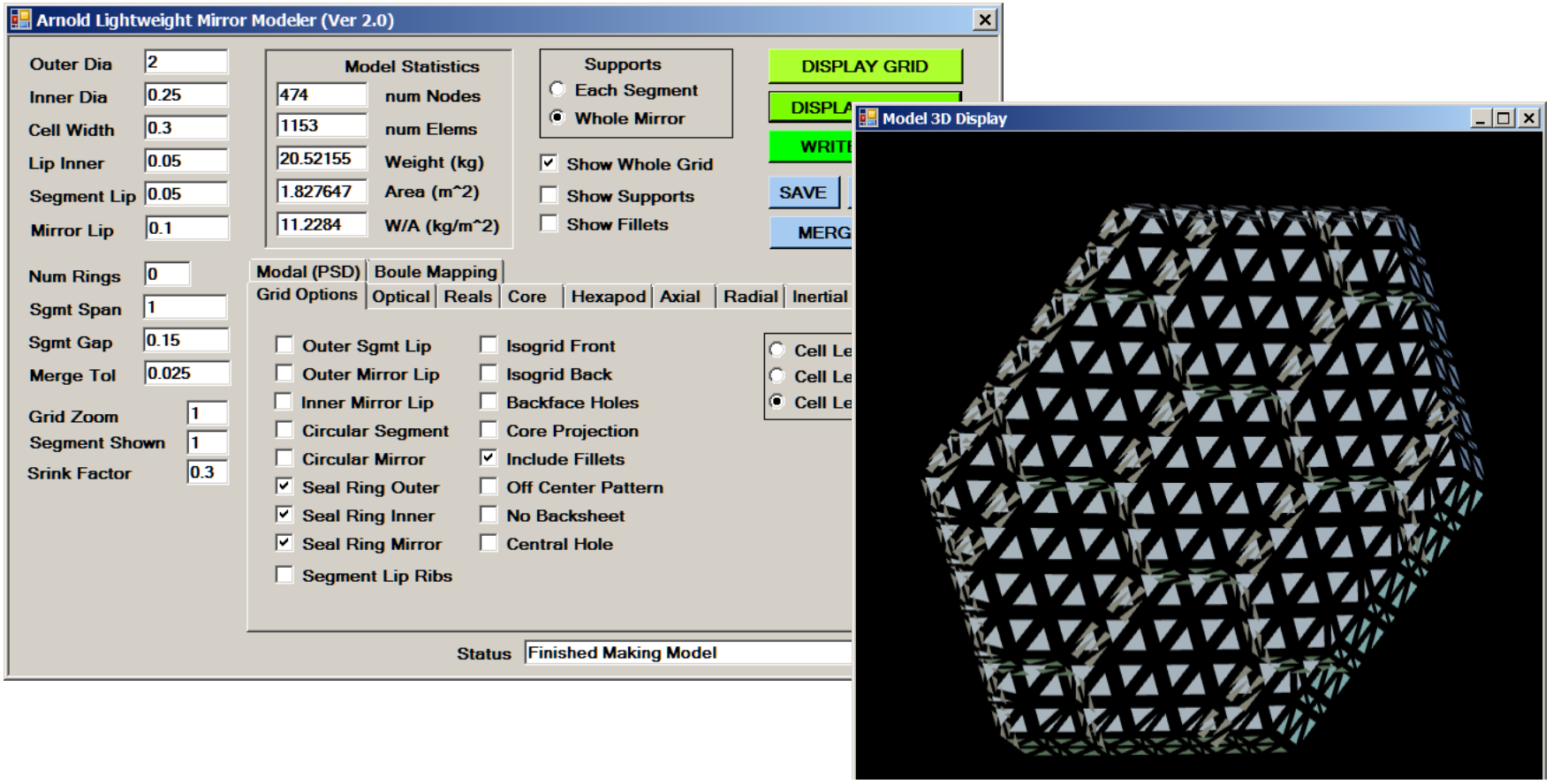


GUI ALLOWS PAN AND ZOOM

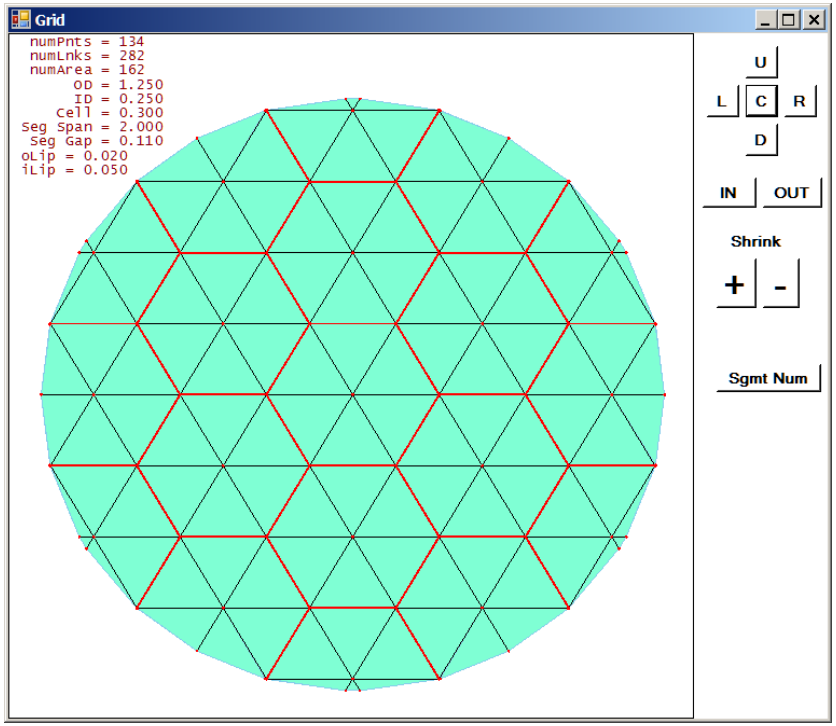


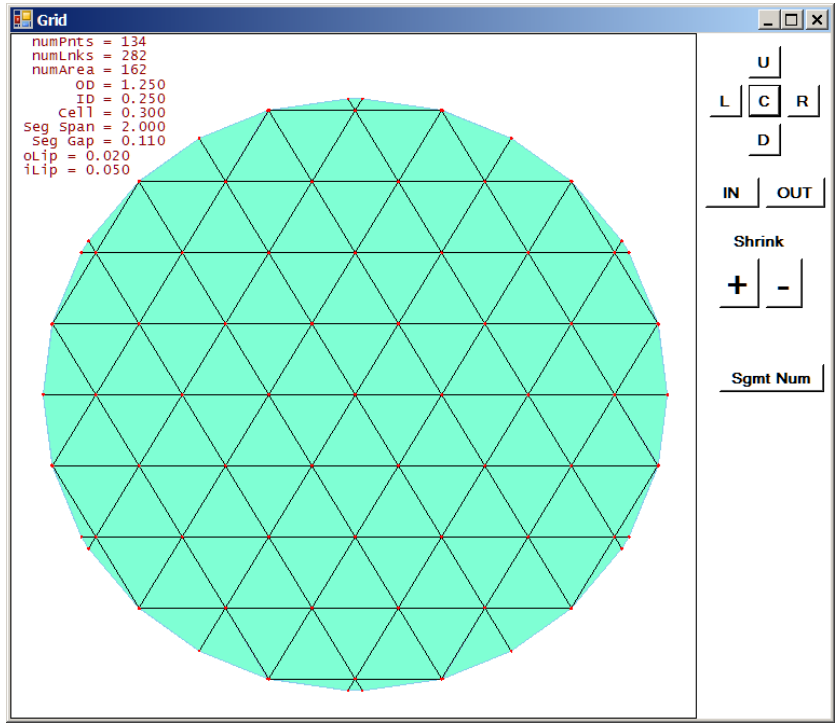


ELEMENT SHRINK HELPS UNDERSTAND MESH

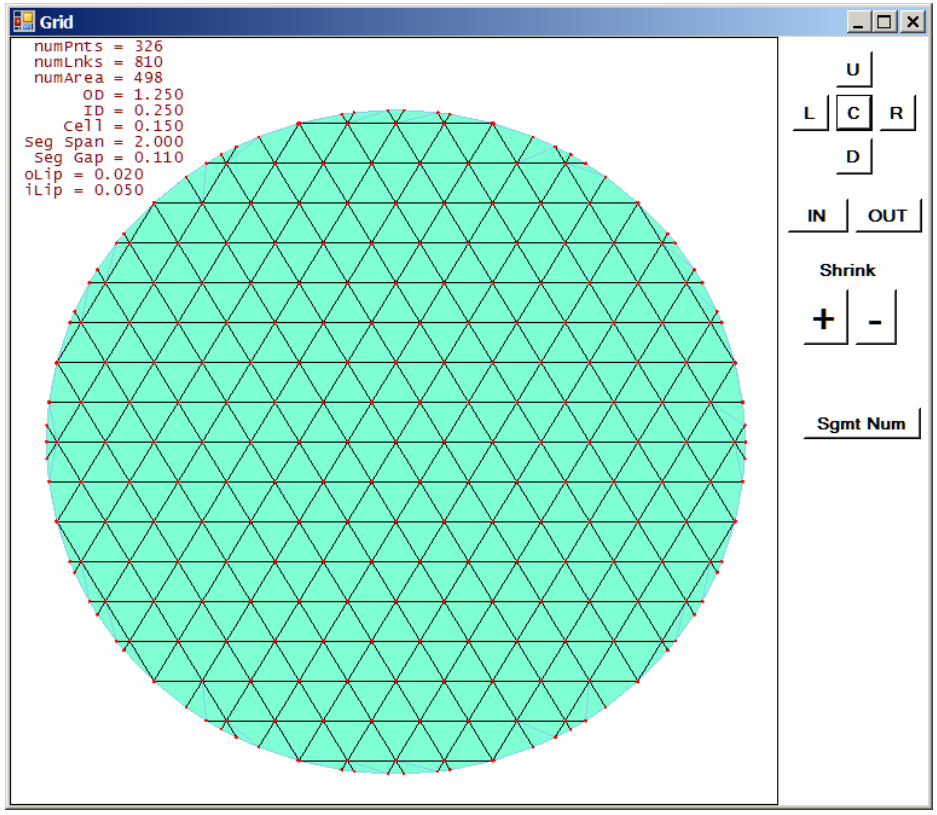


ALSO ISOGRID AND SIMPLIFIED MESHES

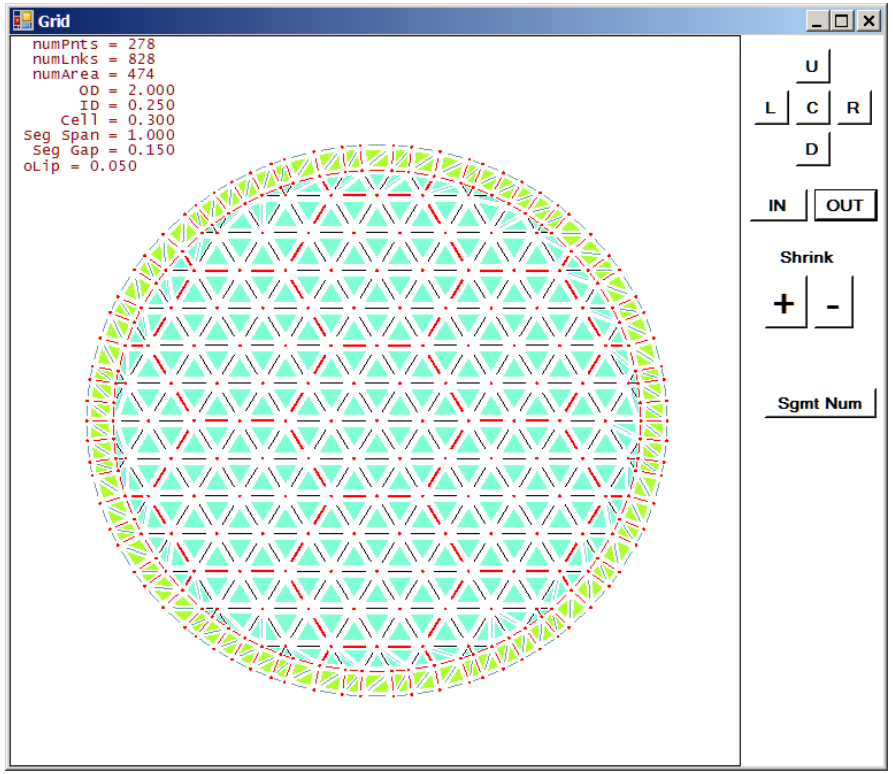


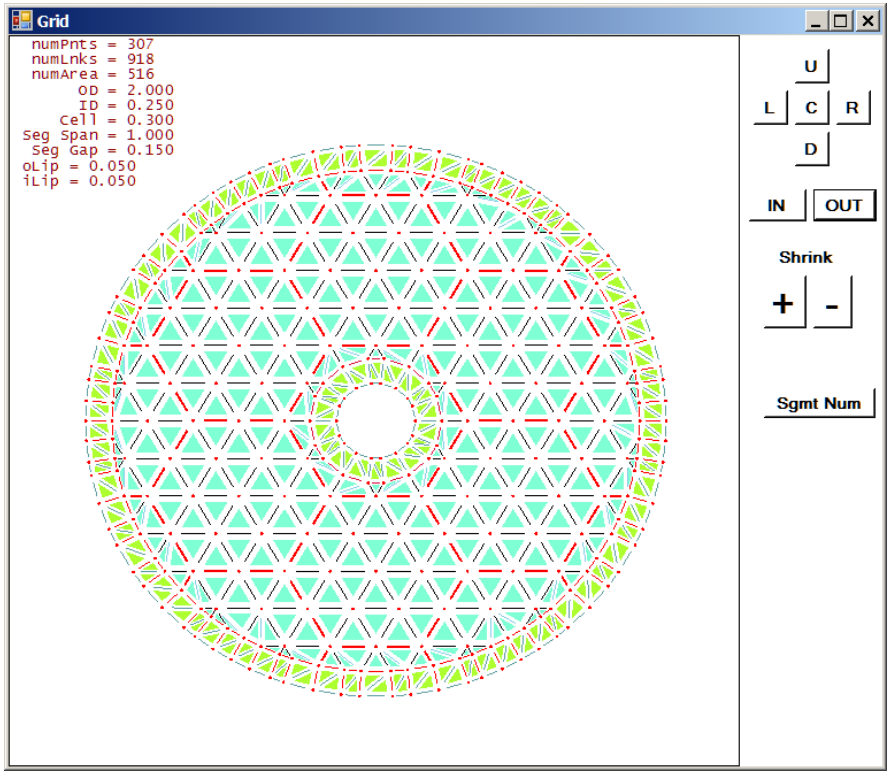


QUICKLY REMESH

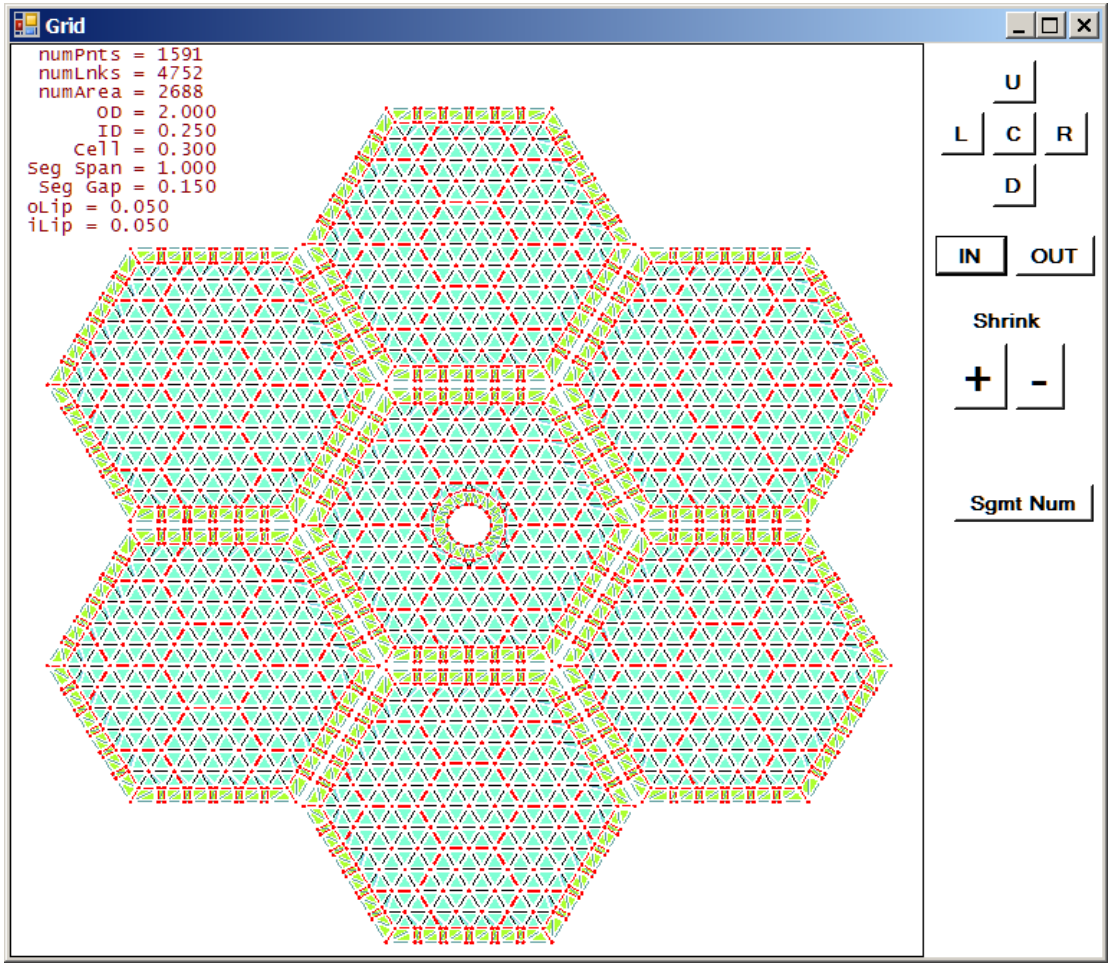


ADD CENTRAL HOLE EASILY





MODEL SEGMENTED MIRRORS



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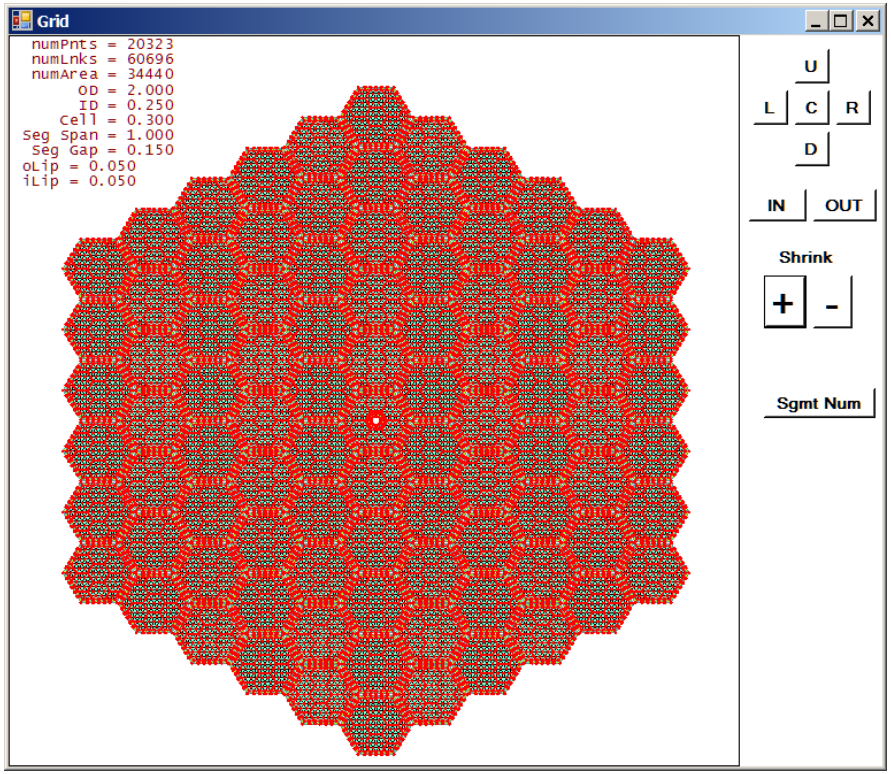

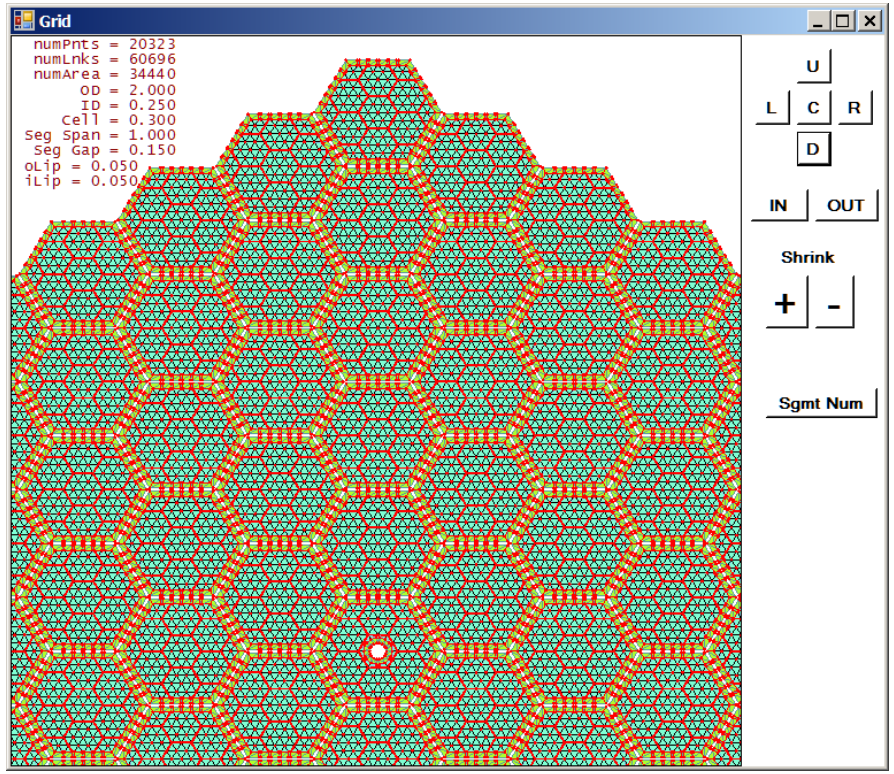

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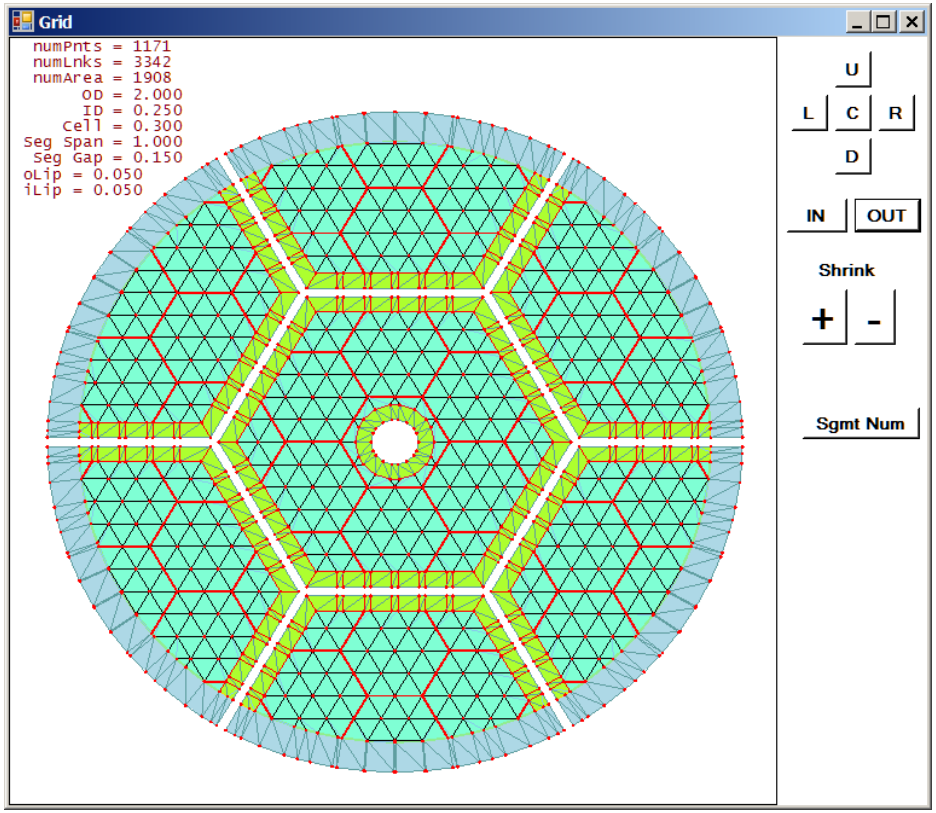
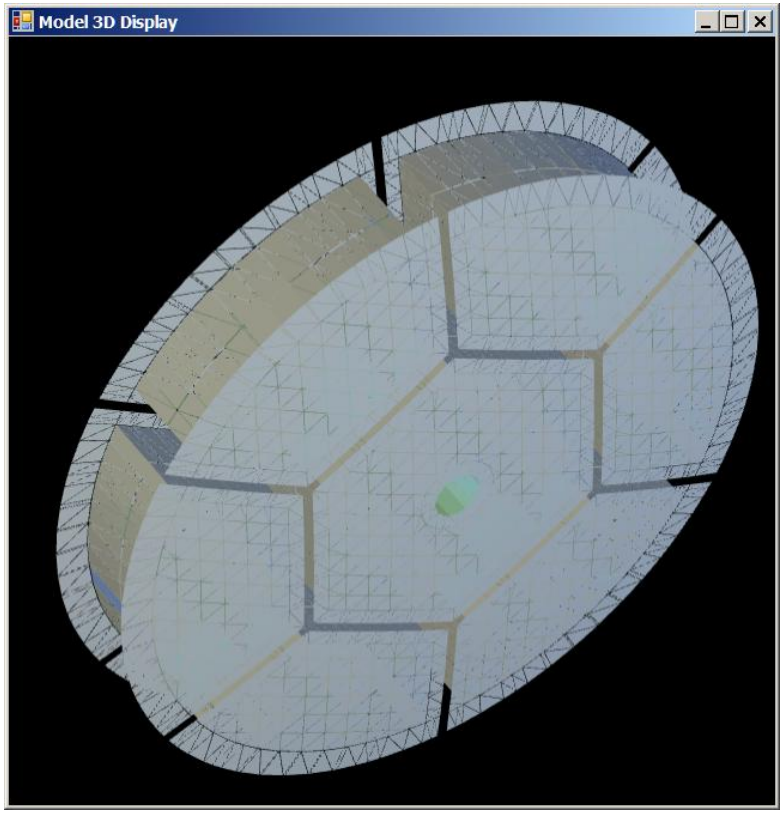
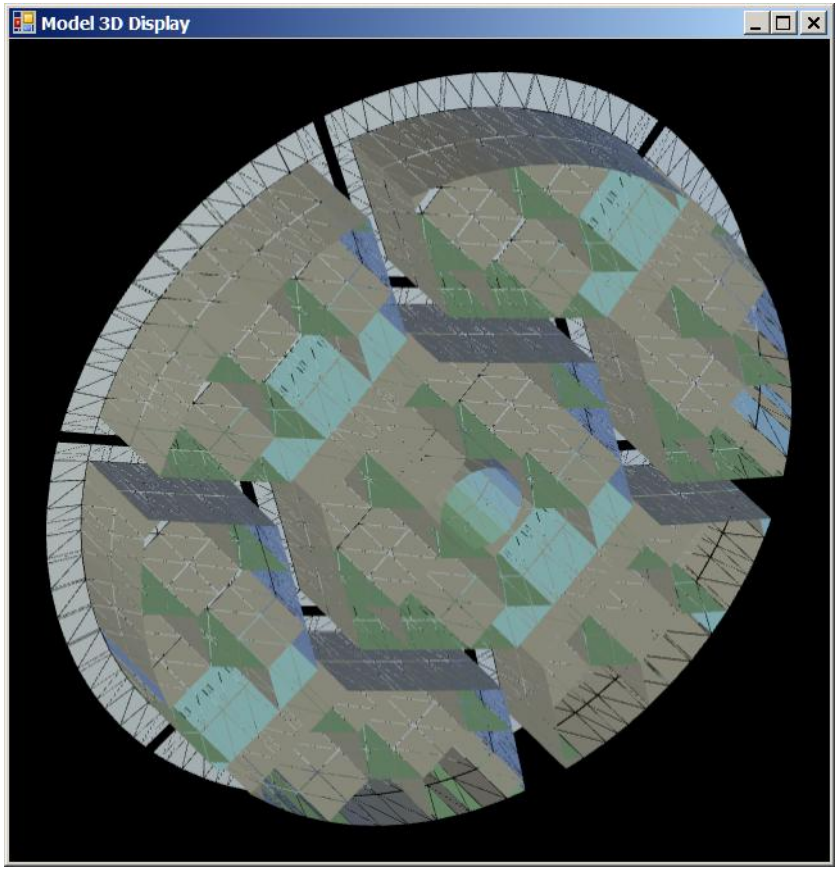
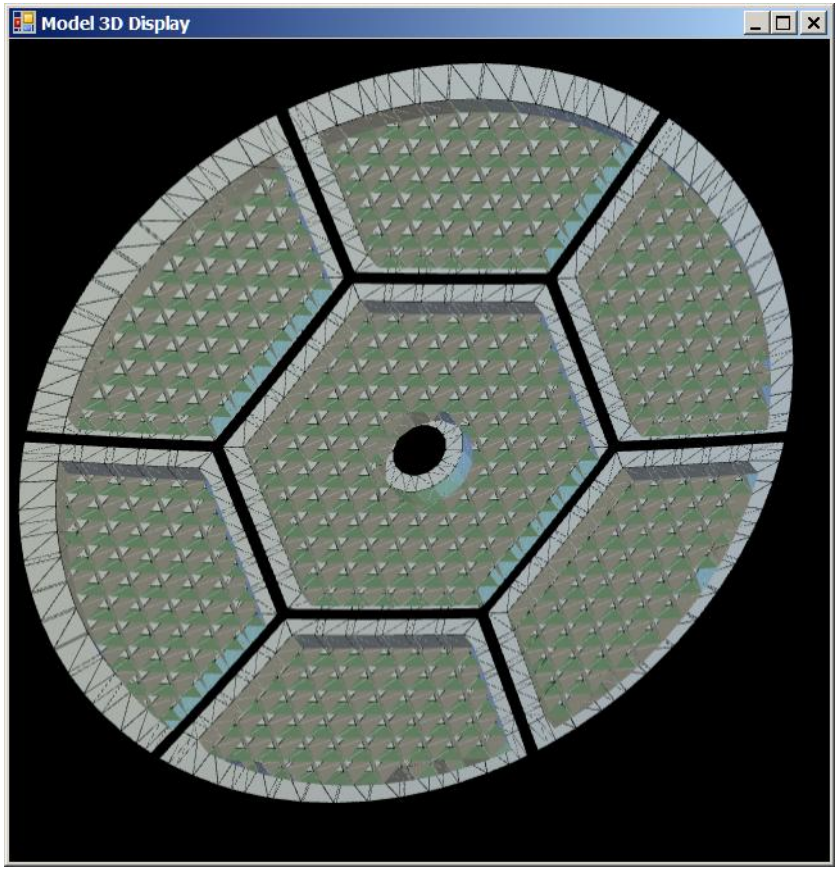


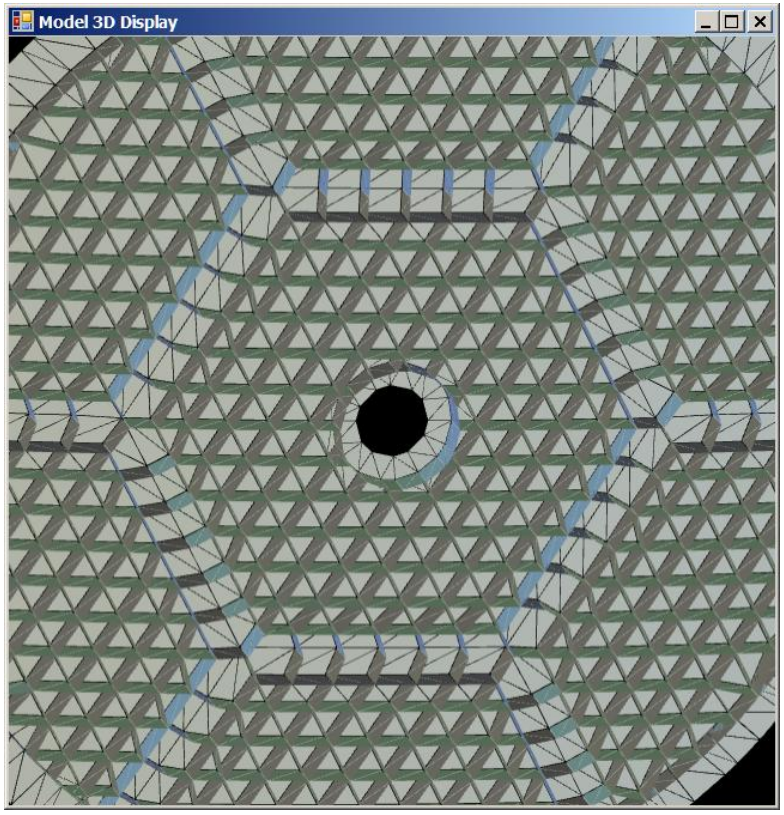


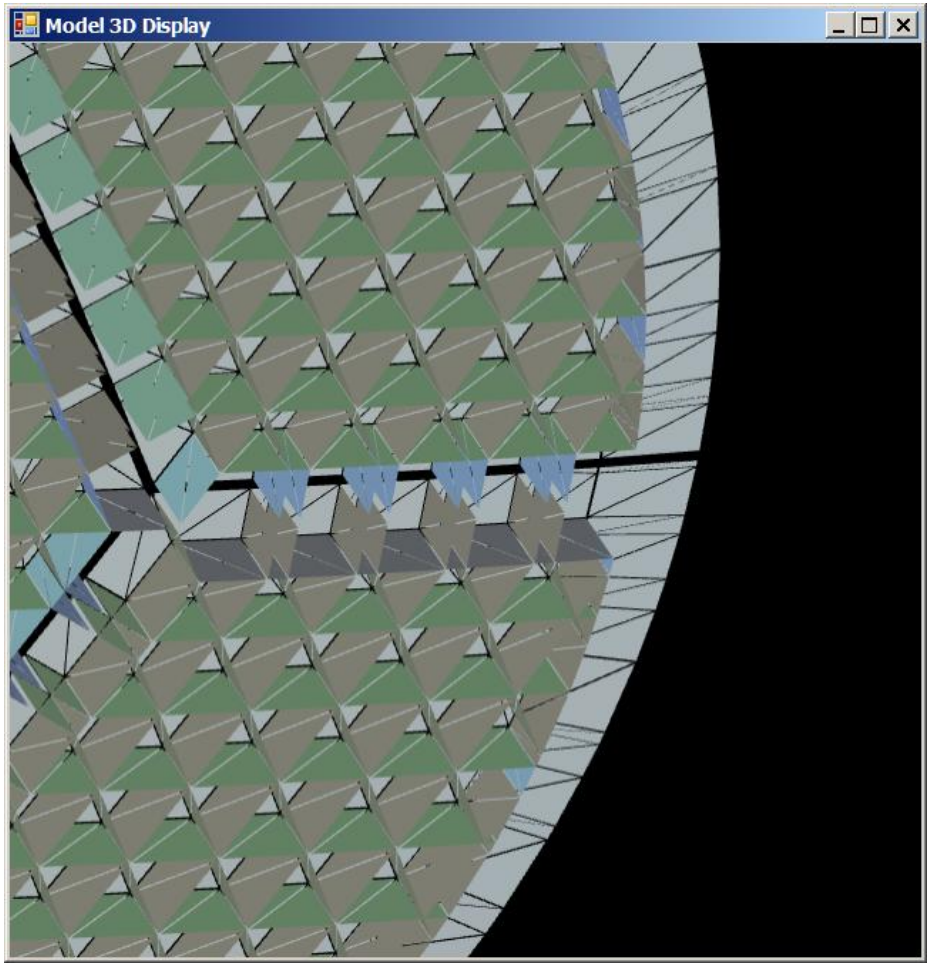
SUPPORTS ISOGRID FACESHEETS



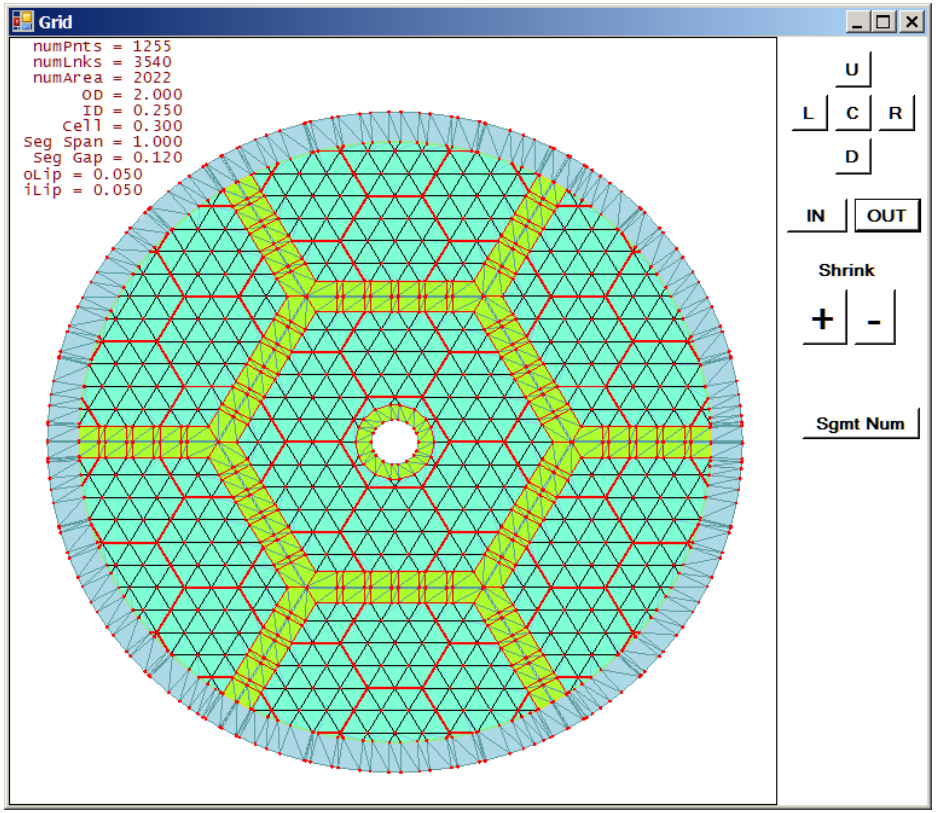


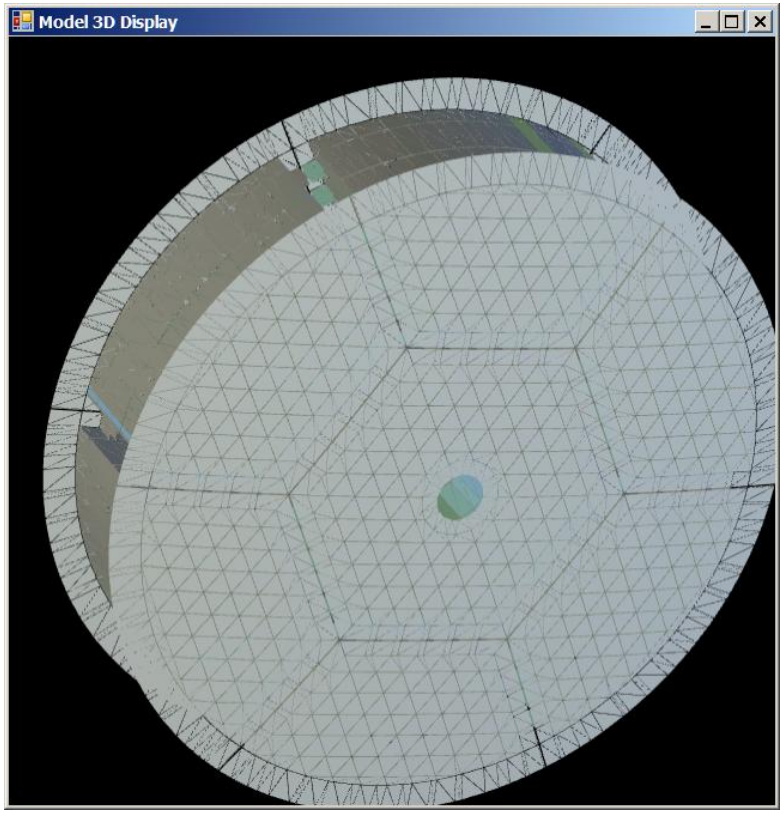
EDGES CAN HAVE RIBS



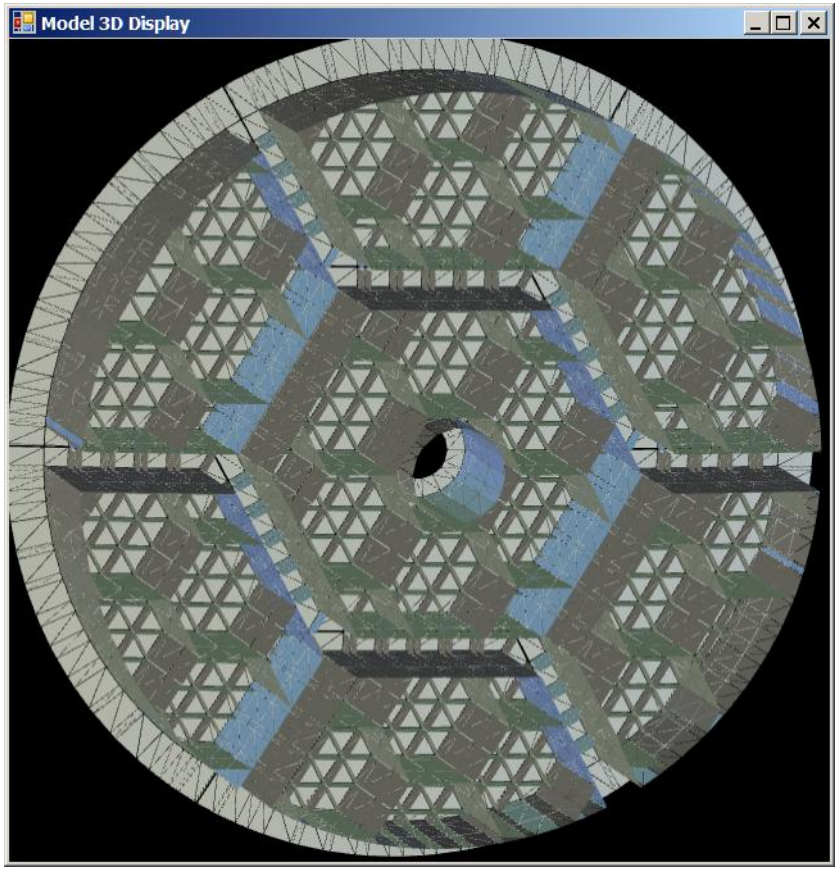


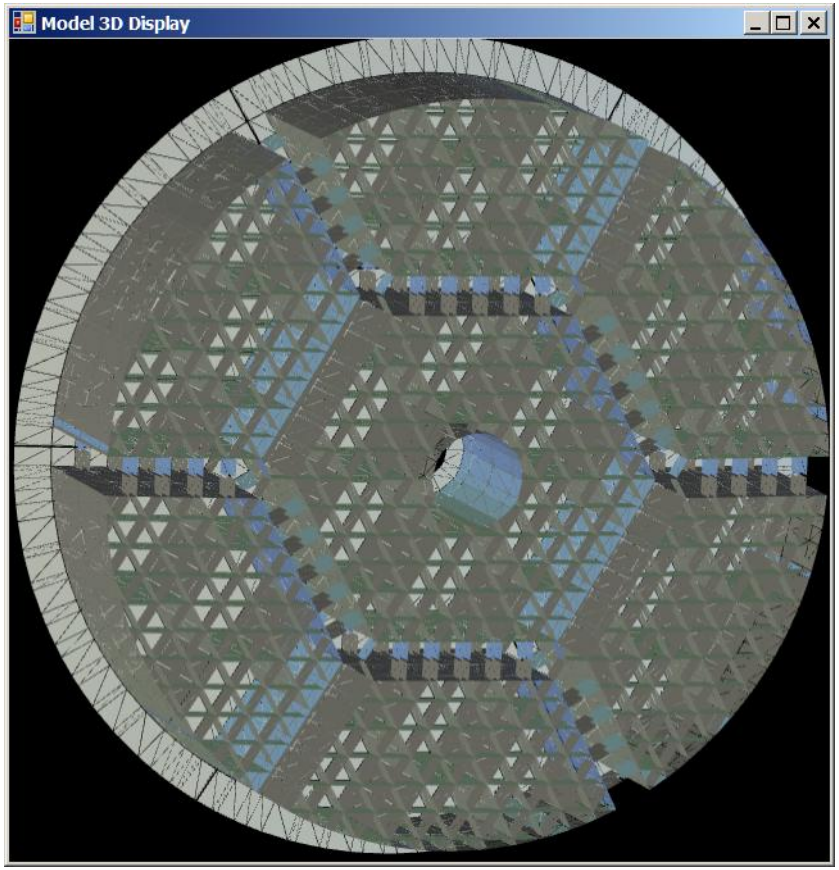
MODEL CAN BE MERGED IN ONE MIRROR



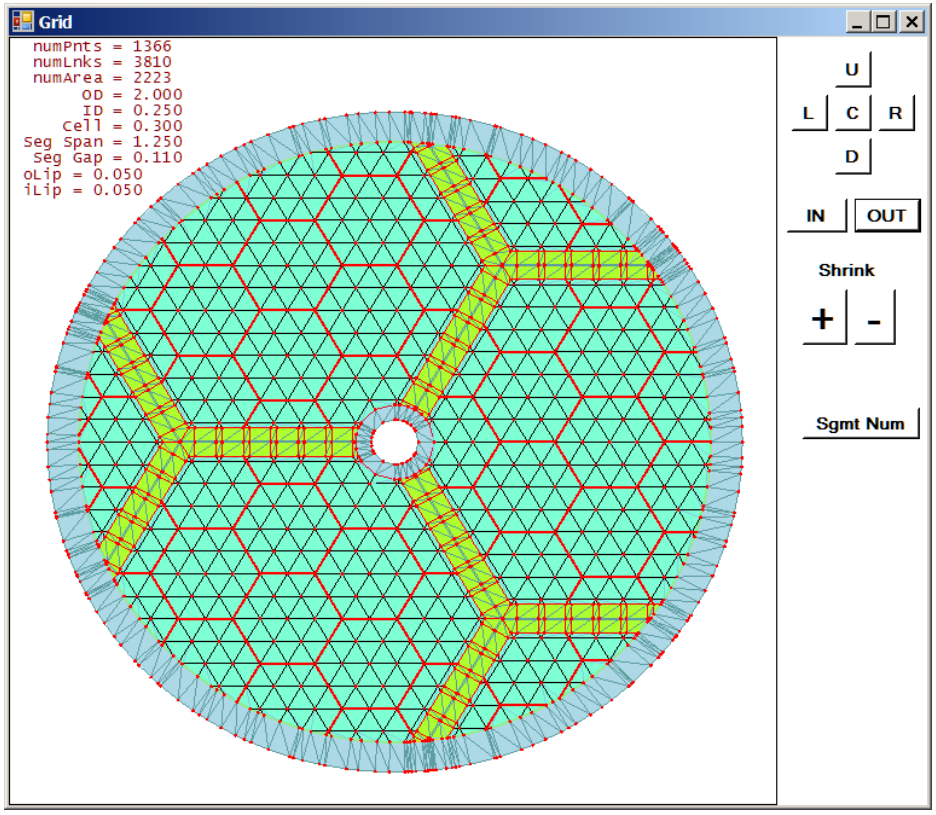


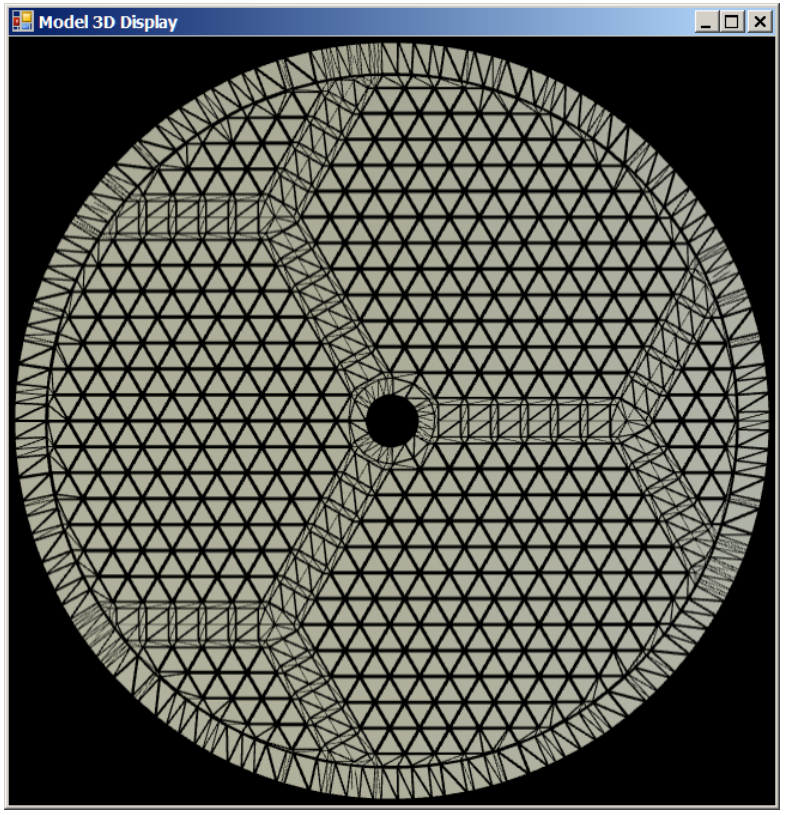
FRONT AND BACK ISOGRIDS SUPPORTED



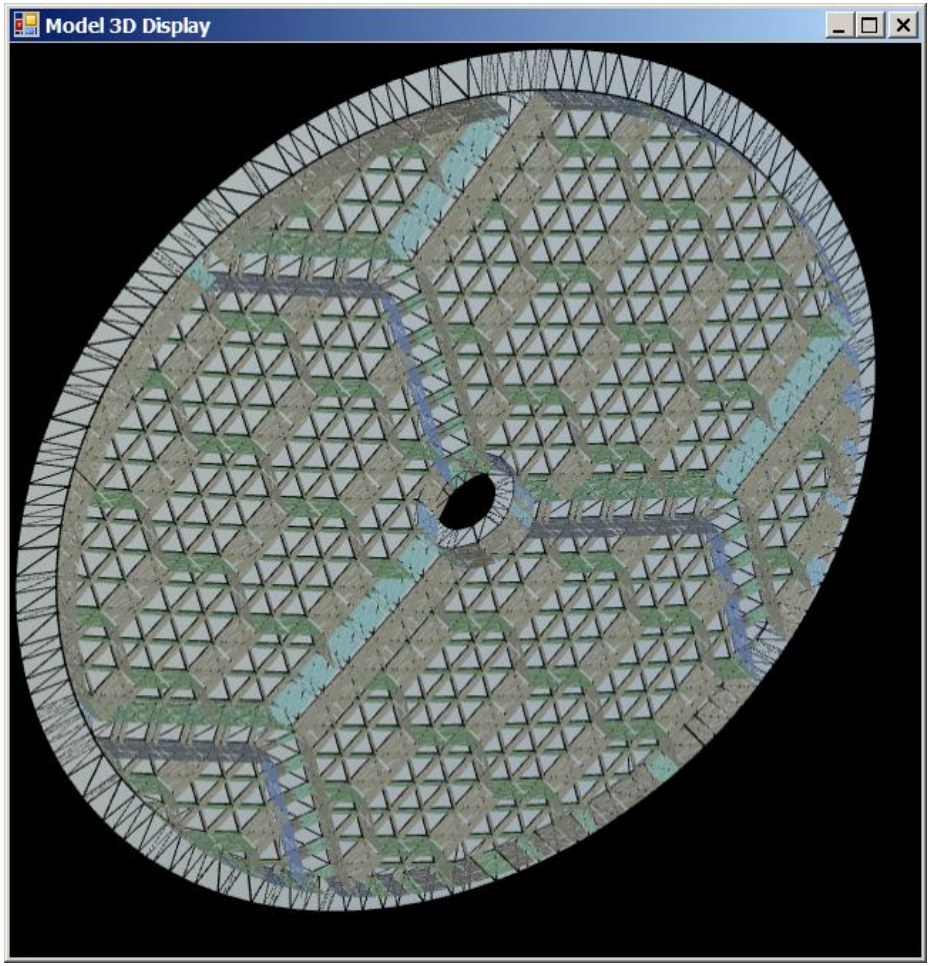


OFFSET SUPER-CELLS SUPPORTED

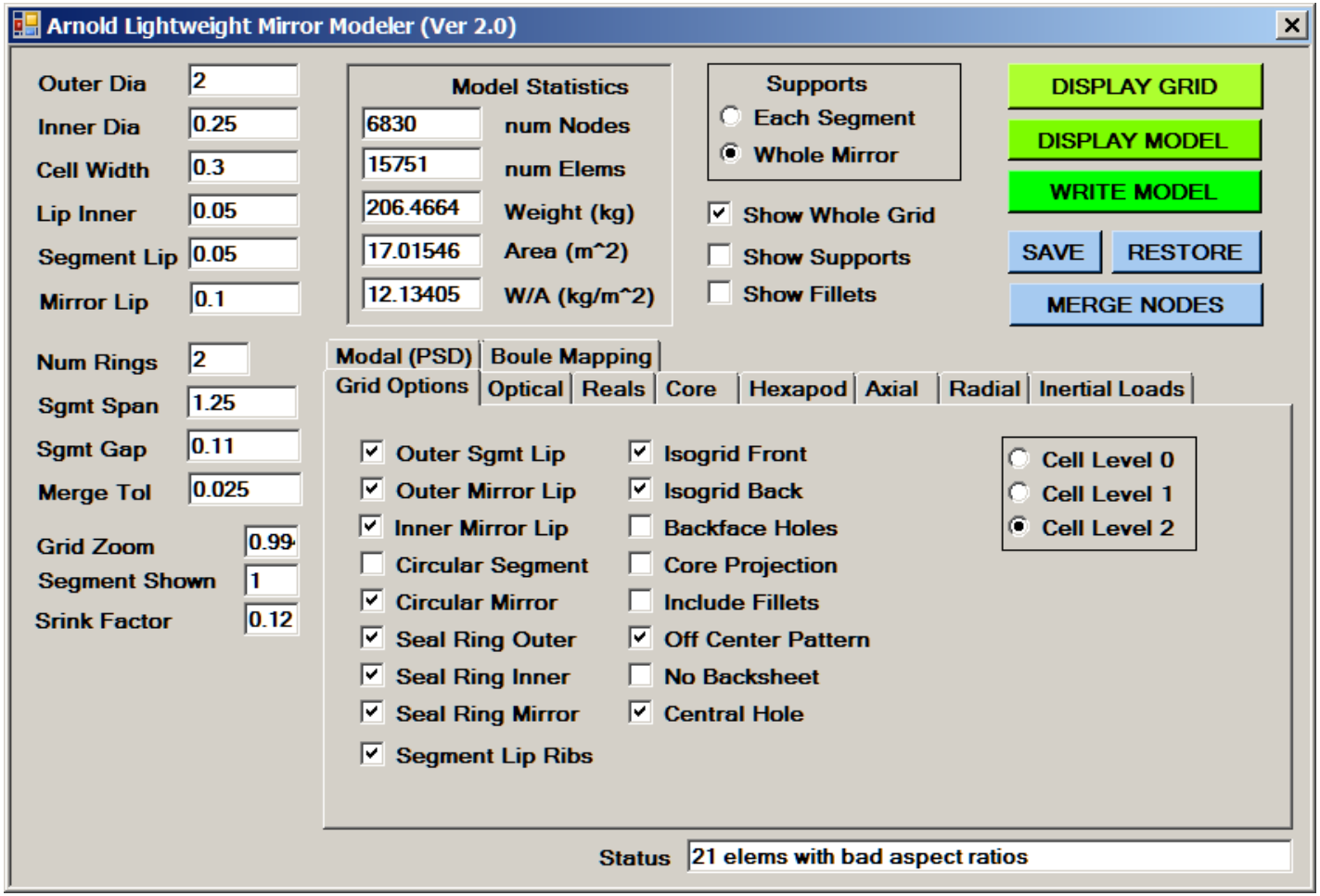




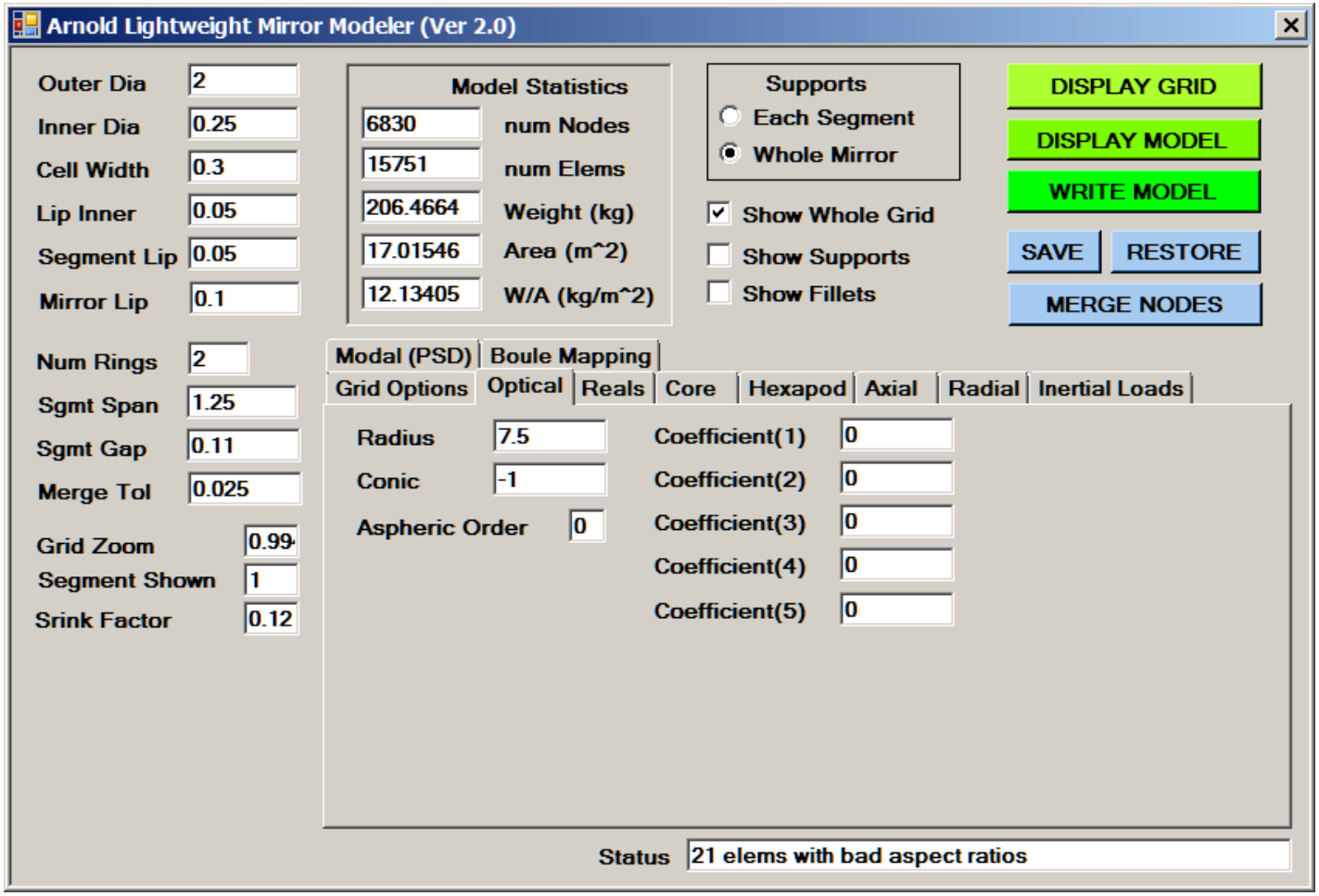
WITH OR WITHOUT SEAL RINGS



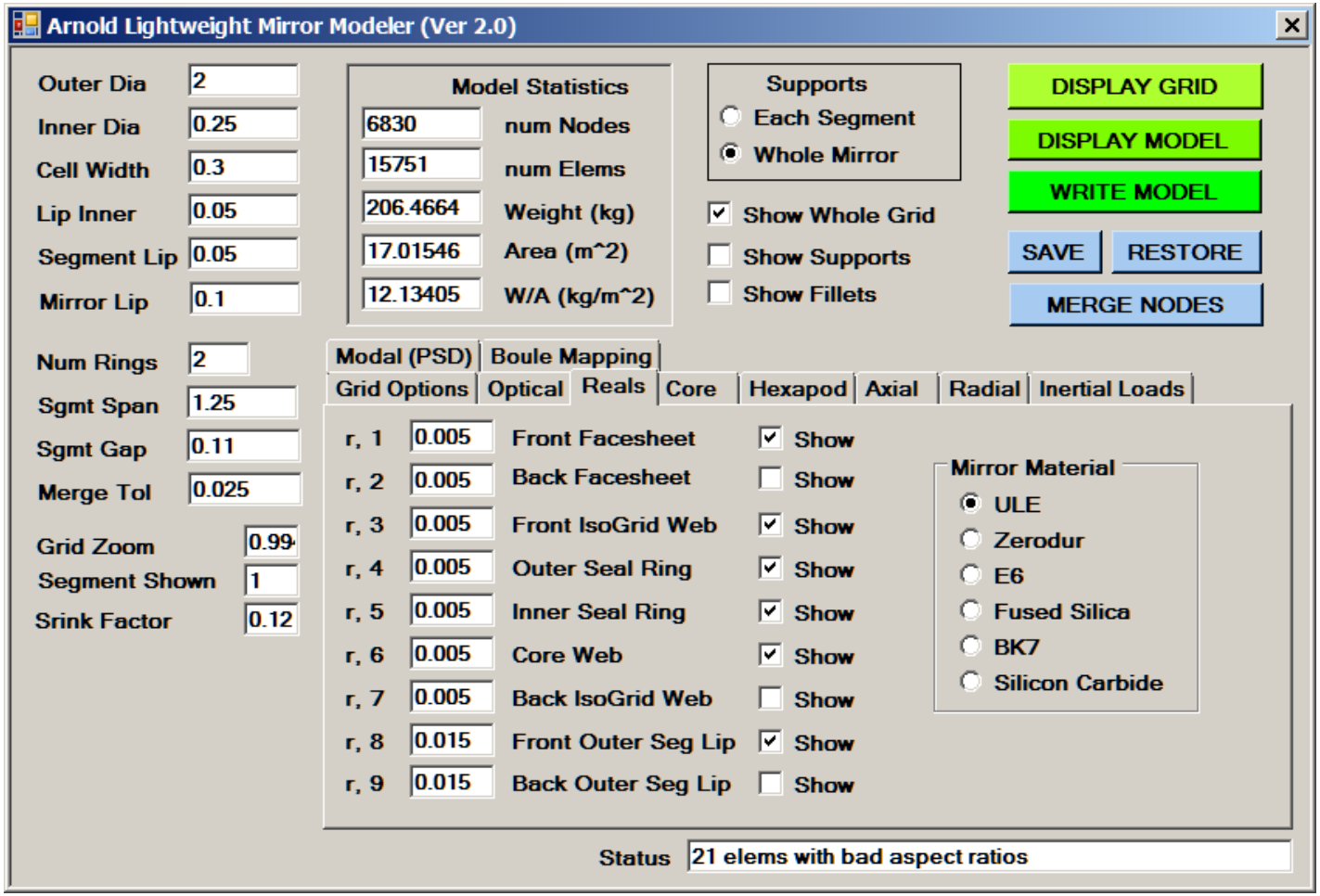
MODEL STATISTICS ON THE FLY



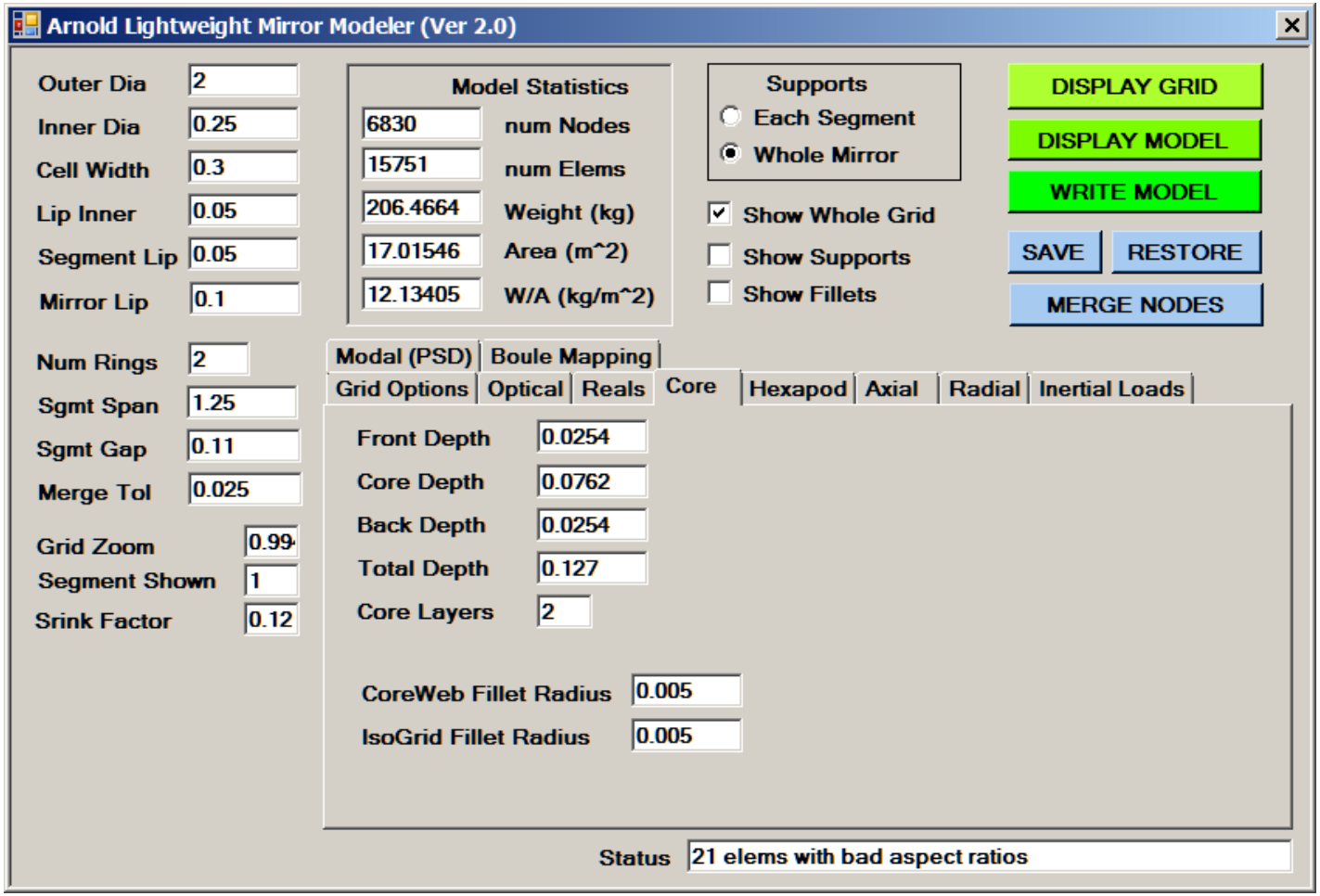
ANY OPTIC SUBSCRIPTION SUPPORTED



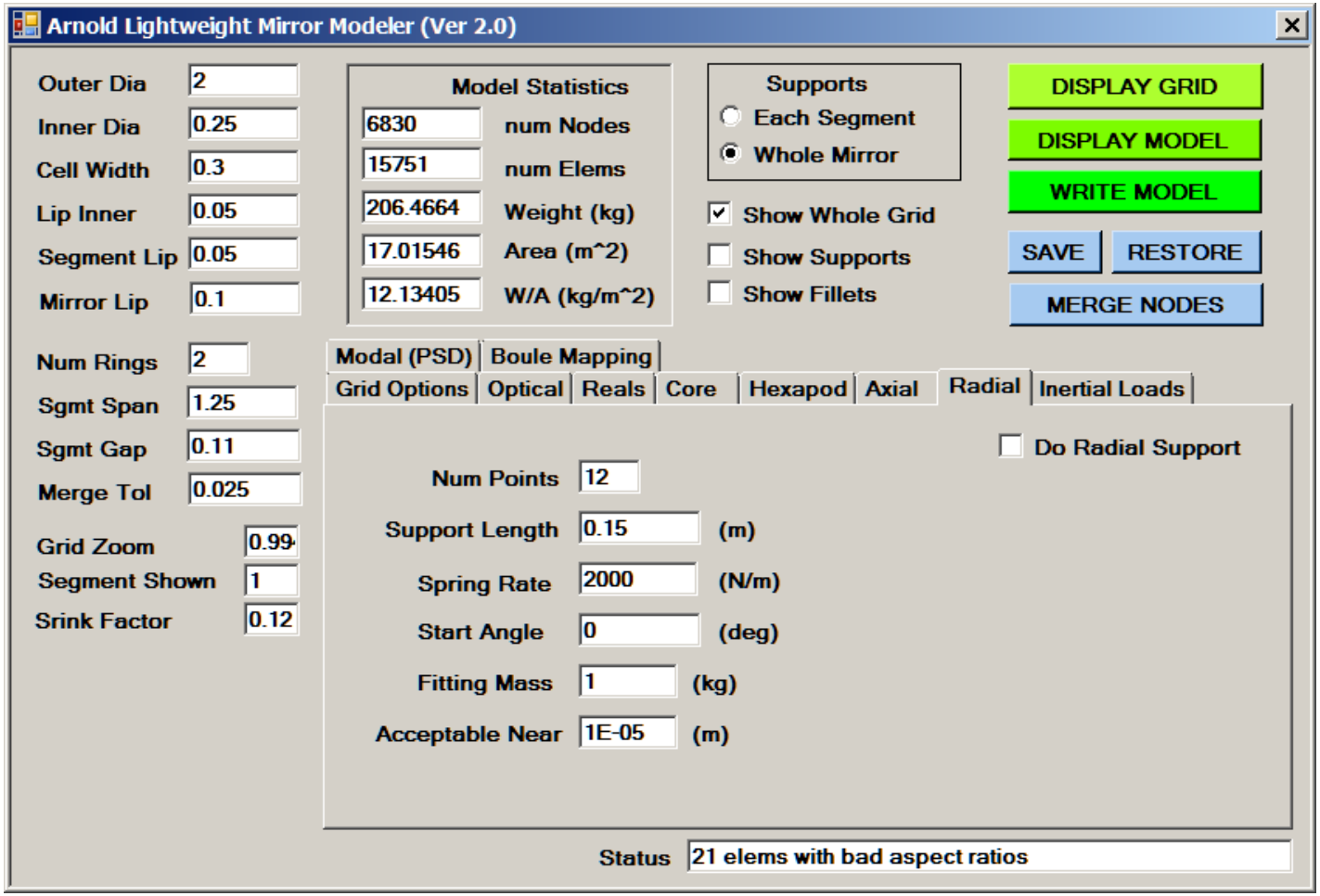
CONTROL OVER MOST VARIABLES



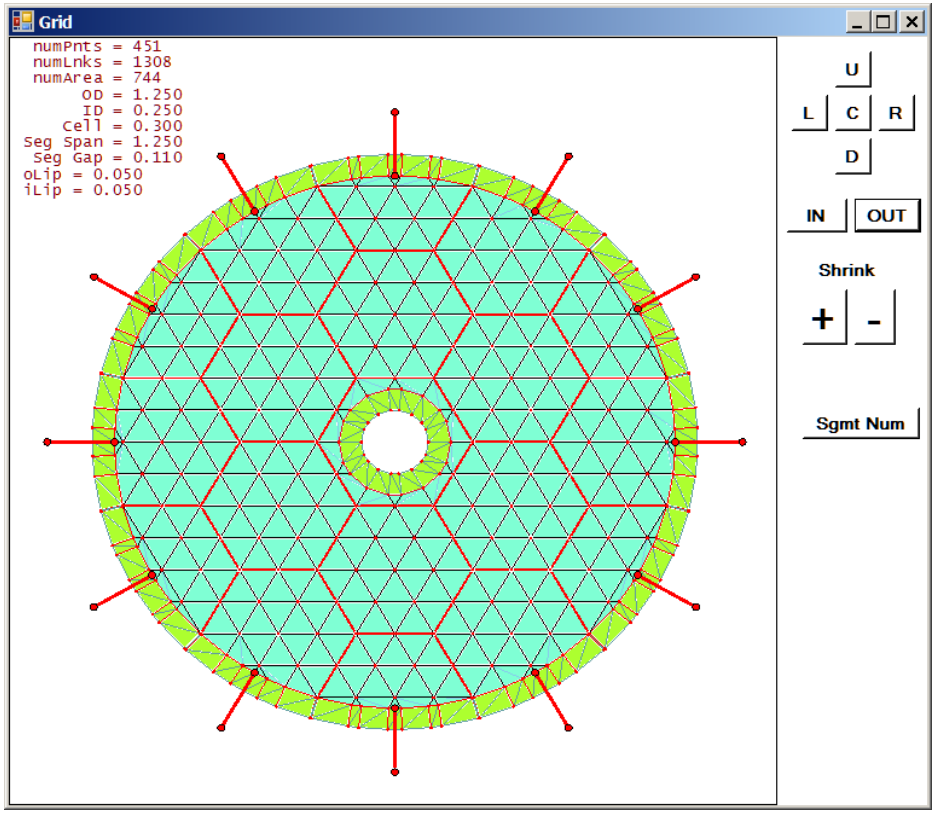
CONTROL OVER CORE DESIGN

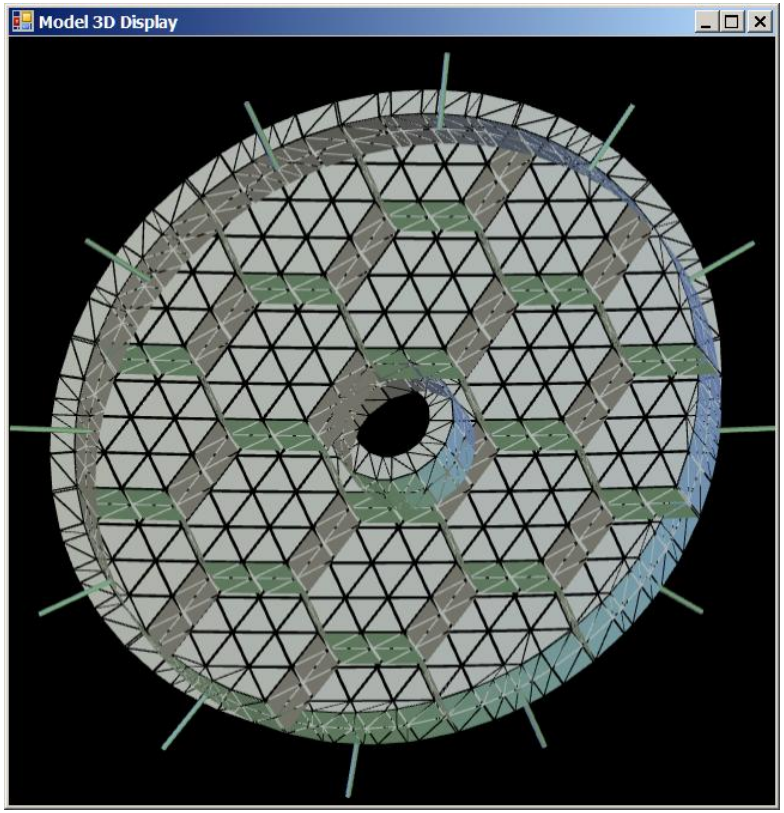


WHOLE MIRROR OR SEGMENT SUPPORTS

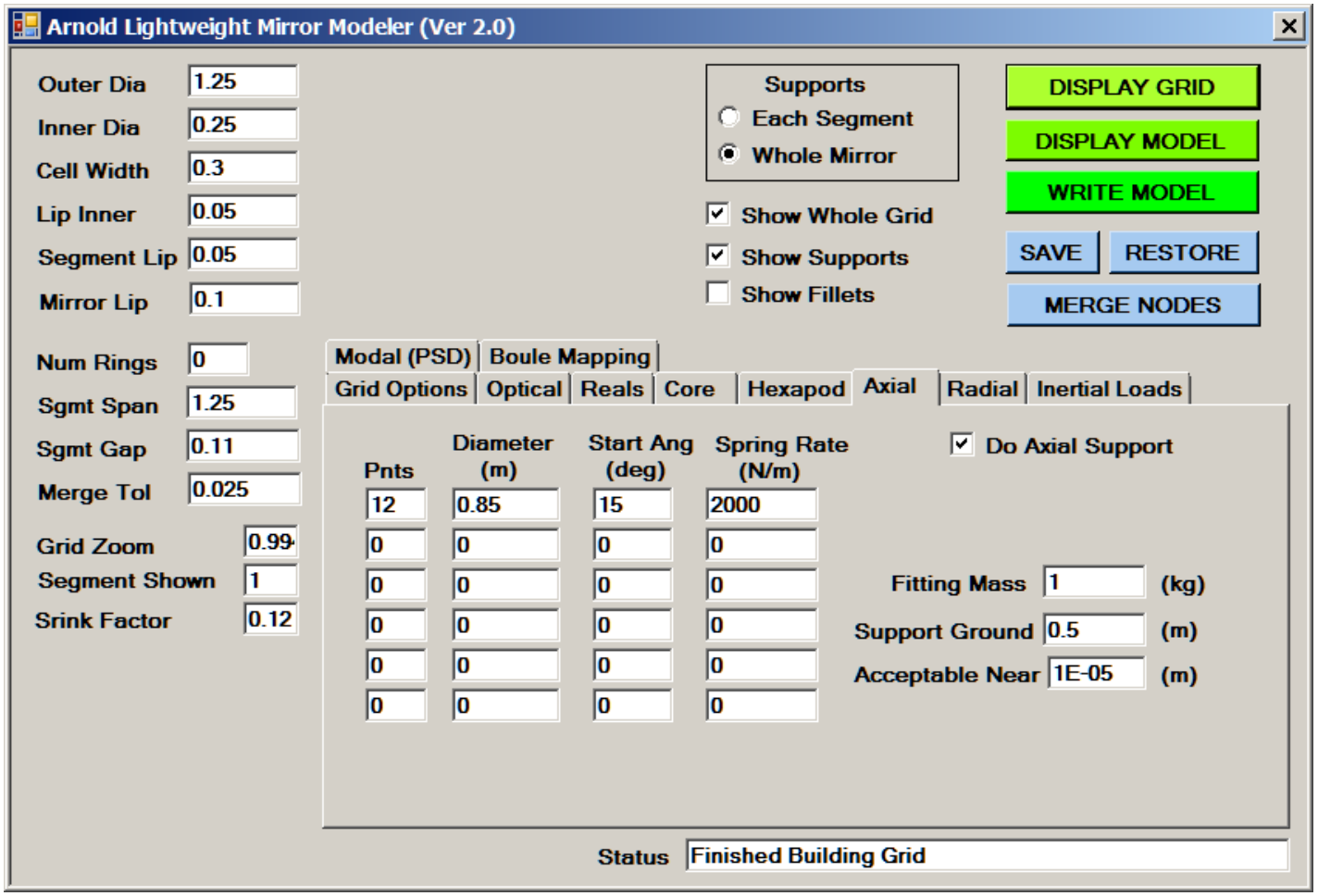


USER CAN ADJUST AND OPTIMIZE

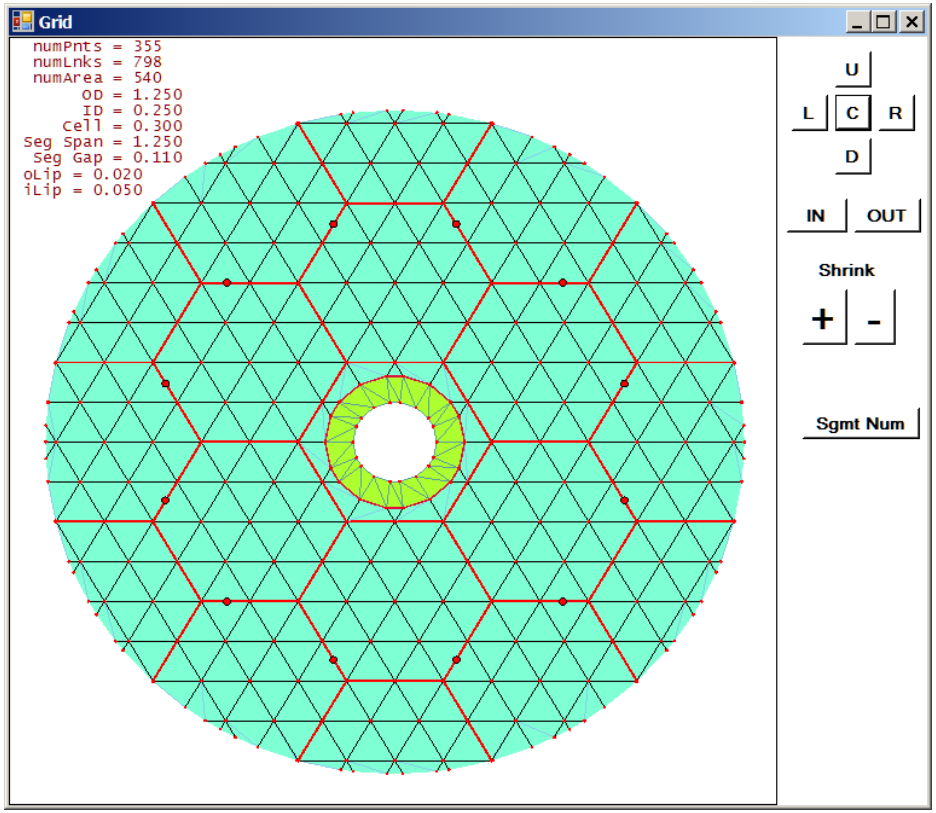




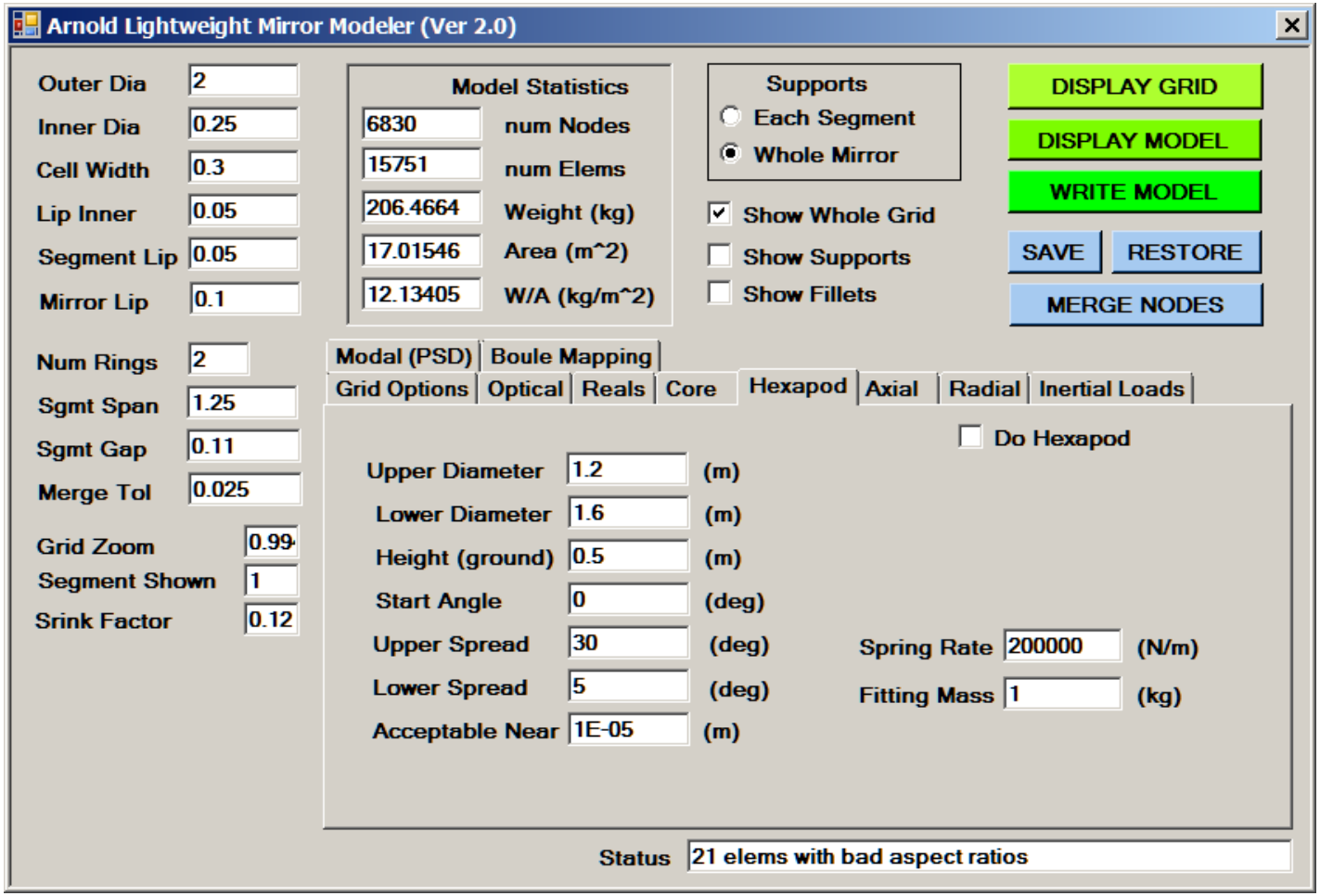
AXIAL AS WELL AS RADIAL STYLES



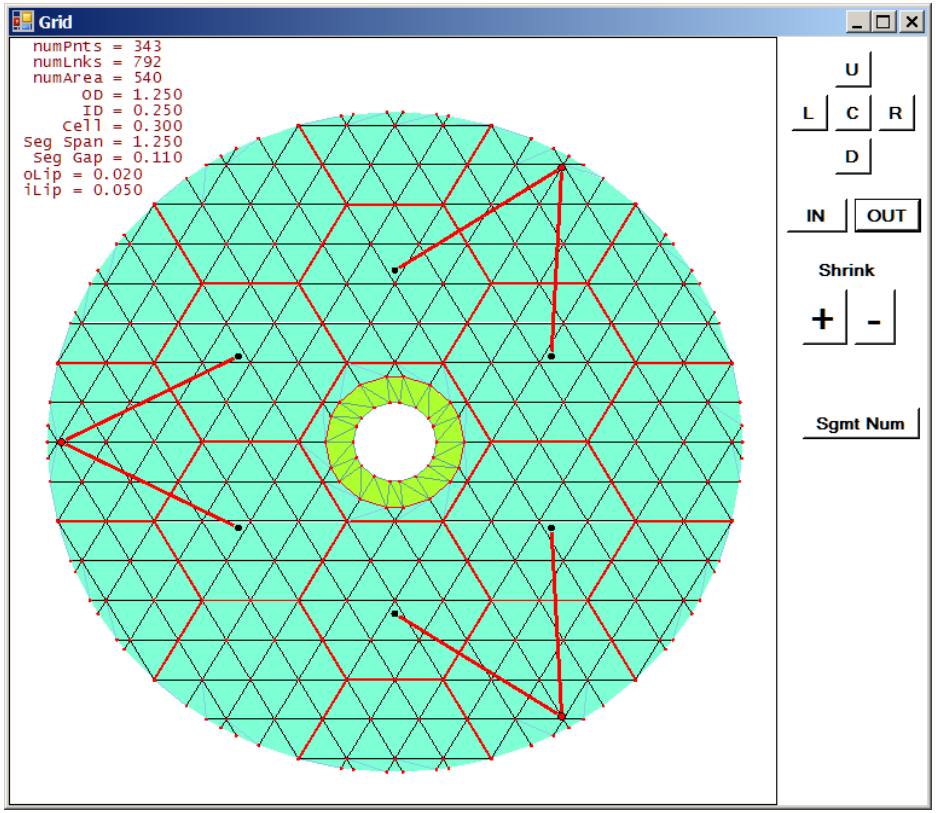
MODEL TEST MOUNTS, ETC

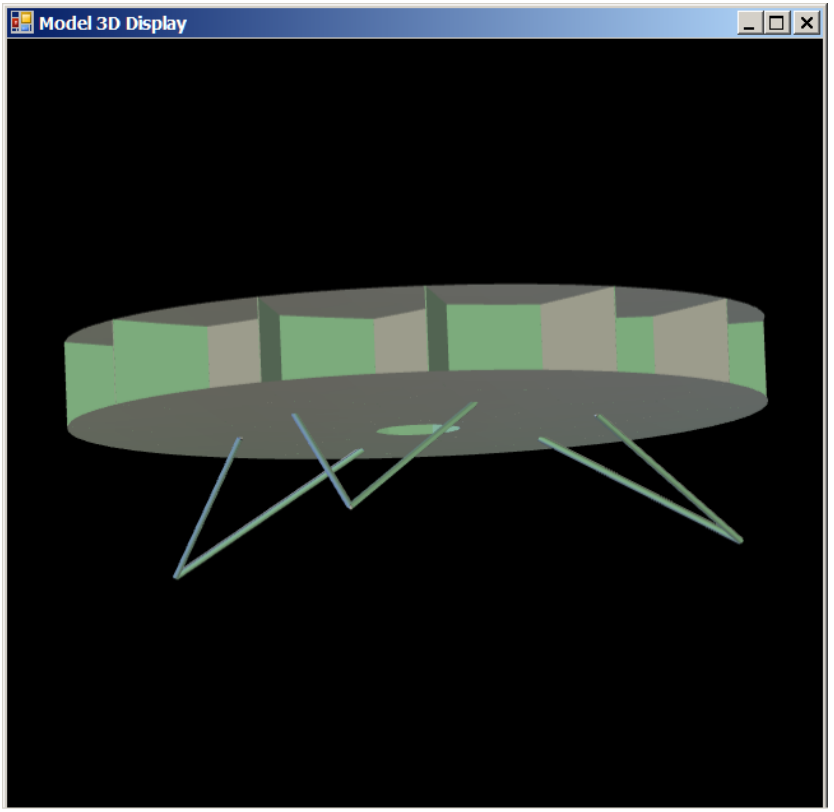


ANY VARIETY OF HEXAPOD SUPPORT

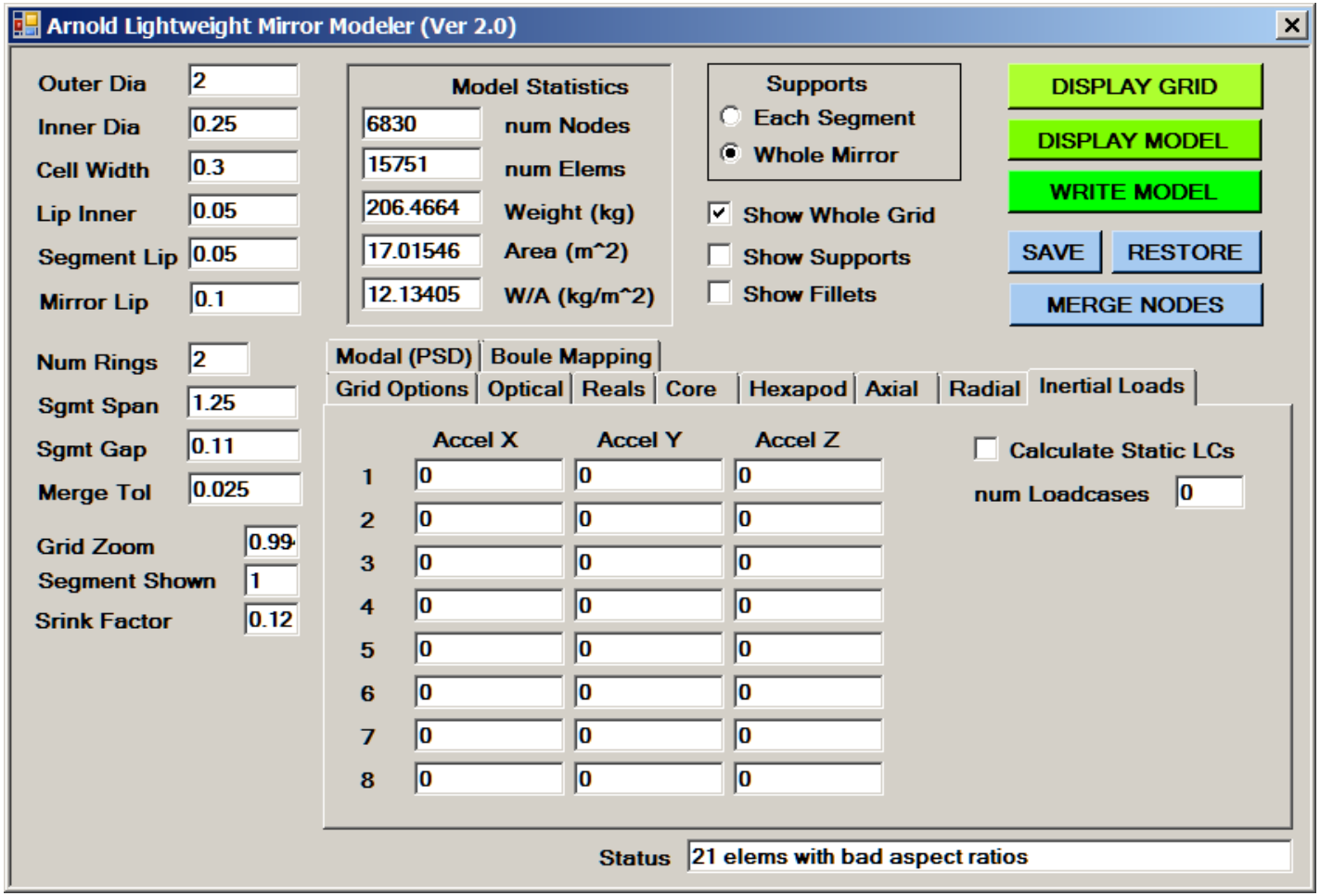


WHOLE MIRROR OR EACH SEGMENT

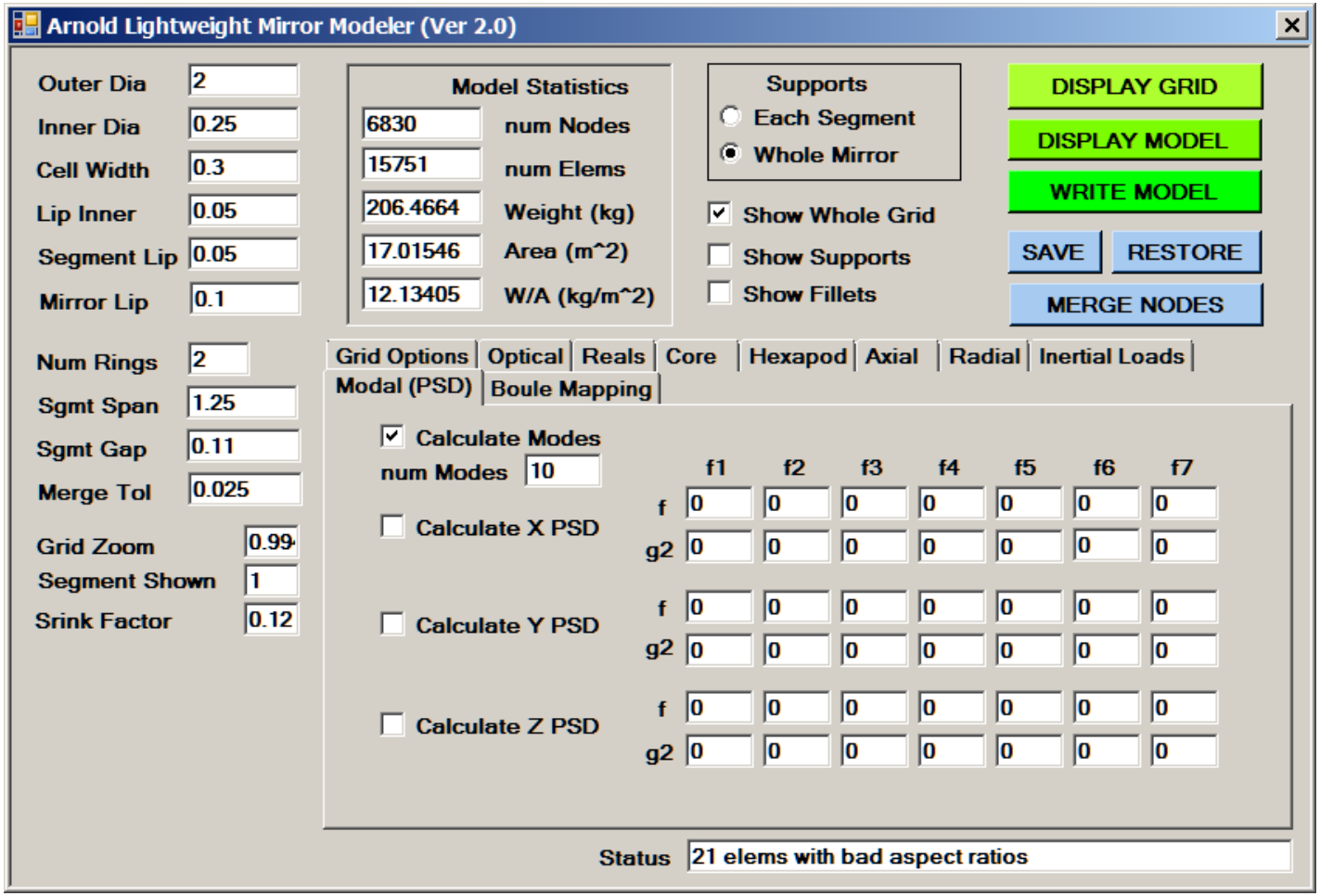




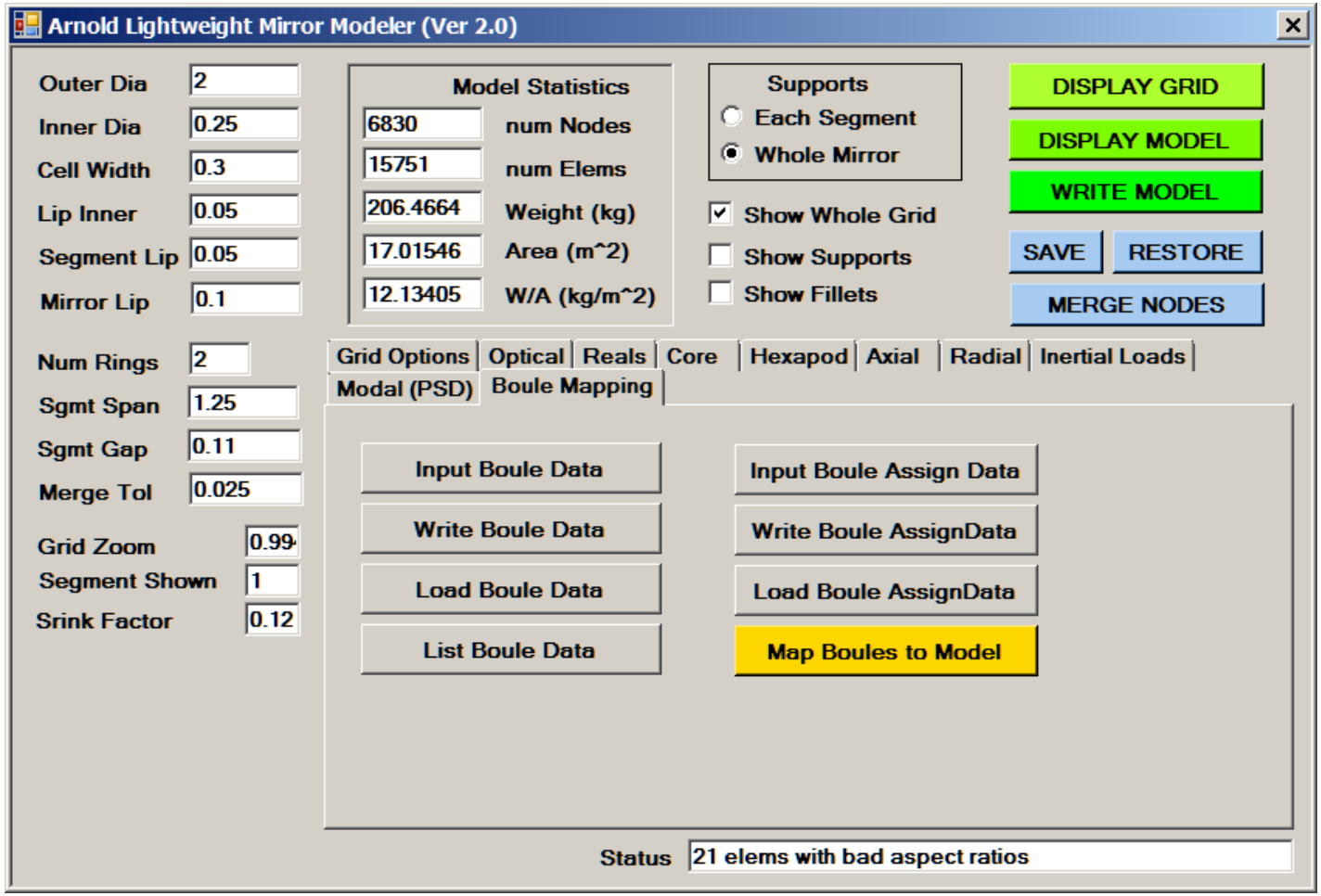
GENERATE STATIC LOADING CONDITIONS



GENERATE DYNAMIC LOADING SETS



(IN WORK) ULE CTE MAPPING



FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

- FINISH CTE MAPPING
- LOCALIZED MESH REFINEMENT AT ATTACHMENT POINTS
- REAL CONSTANT BASED COLOR 3D DISPLAY OF MODEL
- AUTOMATIC BAD ASPECT RATIO ELEMENT FLAGGING/PLOTTING
- HEXAPOD GEOMETRY OPTIMIZATION
- EXPAND ANSYS GENERATED DATA SUMMARIES
- ABACUS OUTPUT FORMAT (LOW PRIORITY FOR NOW)
- NASTRAN OUTPUT FORMAT (NEEDS SPONSOR)

- USER MANUAL
- TUTORIAL(S) ON HOW TO USE MODELER
- SHORT COARSE IN ADVANCED MIRROR DESIGN METHODS